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Soldier and security man die in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MARIAYOUN. — An Israeli soldier and a member of the General Security Services were killed in a terrorist attack yesterday in the village of Majdal Balaies in South Lebanon.

The soldier was Turai Benzion Brender, 19, and the GSS man was Ze'ev Geva, 29.

Geva will be buried at 4:30 p.m. today at the Kiryat Shaul Military Cemetery in Tel Aviv. The funeral of Brender was held yesterday at the Mount of Olives Cemetery in Jerusalem.

Geva had been living in Kibbutz Machanayim, with his wife and two small children. He worked in the GSS for two years mostly in Lebanon. He was planning to settle in Samaria.

Brender and Geva came under fire from a terrorist cell operating out of the village of Arab Selim against both the SLA and IDF. Twelve men were caught with Katyusha launchers, anti-tank and LAW missiles, RPG launchers, grenades and 50 kilograms of explosive, in their possession.

Five of them were apprehended as they crossed the Awali River. Their interrogation led to the arrest of the others and the discovery of arms caches near Jebel Reichen.

The 12 confessed to a number of attacks on the IDF and SLA.

Worker is not victimized by economic moves — Peres

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday in the Knesset that the Israeli worker is not being victimized by the government's economic policy.

"Nobody is robbing the worker," he said. "The price of bread has not been increased, but the price of petrol has. It is not the poor who use most of the petrol."

Peres was opposing opposition demands for an urgent debate on the latest economic measures. The opposition motions were struck from the agenda.

"We have concluded with the Histadrut that workers will be taxed next year as citizens of Israel," said the prime minister. Finding himself in an unprecedented economic bind the government had to act to change the course of things — even if it is going to be very painful, he said.

"As for Lebanon, the Defence Ministry and other bodies are acting to ensure the security of Galilee and enable our forces to return home. That is the declared policy of this government and this is now being studied and acted upon," Peres stated.

Peres assured the Knesset that the government "is not running away" from a debate on the economic measures, and will discuss with the president the setting of a date for such a debate.

The demands for a debate — from Yossi Sarid, Meir Wilner and Yair Taban — were voiced as Peres took (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Local cigarette prices up by 25% today

Post Economic Reporter

Local cigarette prices went up by about 25 per cent at midnight, the Treasury announced yesterday. The price increase is due to an adjustment for inflation as well as a 10 per cent increase in purchase tax, from 50 to 60 per cent.

The ministry also announced that the travel tax levy will go up to IS35,000, on September 30. The travel tax is usually adjusted on the 17th of each month, but the inflation rate has made another increase necessary.

Treasury sources said the increase in the cigarette purchase tax will bring in some \$40 million next year. The increase will apply only to new packages, not to those already in stock.

Price control slapped on dozens of products

Post Economic Reporter

Dozens of products were put under government price control yesterday after their prices went up drastically in recent weeks. Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon announced.

Appearing on Israel TV last night, Sharon called on consumers to be price conscious and shop around.

Manufacturers recently increased their prices by large amounts, the government would impose a price freeze.

Sharon said that the list of products put under supervision was only partial, and that his ministry was examining other products to see if the increase in price was justified.

The ministry plans to lower the prices of these products to what it regards as justified, and will examine the increases that took place over the past six months.

Manufacturers of products put under government supervision will have to get approval from the ministry's public price committee for any proposed price increases in the future.

If prices of all products of a certain type go up 100 much, Sharon said, the government will not hesitate to open the market to competing imports.

According to the minister, the government gave up its plan to freeze prices after it was convinced that this was neither desirable nor possible. He added that despite this decision no manufacturer will be allowed to increase its prices without justification.

Among the products whose prices have jumped in recent weeks are: Asis preserves (25 per cent in three weeks, 52 per cent since July), Noon and Man canned fish (24 per cent in three weeks, 123 per cent since July), Elite tehina (35 per cent since mid-August), Osem biscuits (20 per cent in three weeks), Tempo soft drinks (33 per cent since August 15), Tadiran light bulbs (62.5 per cent in three weeks), Kitan sheets (25.5 per cent in three weeks), and Hamegaper sports shoes (25 per cent in three weeks).

Reagan still stands by his ME peace initiative

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters).

President Ronald Reagan said yesterday he was still firmly committed to his 1982 peace plan for the Middle East, which he said could serve as "a basis for a just and lasting peace."

The plan, formulated in September 1982, endorsed what the president then described as full autonomy under some form of Jordanian supervision for Palestinians living on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and proposed a freeze on Israeli settlements in the territories.

"That initiative remains a realistic and workable approach, and I am committed to it as firmly as on the day I announced it," Reagan told the UN General Assembly.

He said the framework for peace in the area was still Security Council Resolution 242 of 1967, which called for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours in return for Israeli withdrawal from territory occupied during fighting earlier that year.

Reagan added that the resolution "in turn was incorporated in all its parts in the Camp David Accords."

Reagan said that the time was bound to come when the same wisdom and courage would be applied, with success, to reach peace between Israel and all of its Arab neighbours in a manner that assures security for all in the region, the recognition of Israel, and a solution to the Palestinian problem.

In a reference to Thursday's bombing of the U.S. embassy annex in Lebanon, Reagan said: "The tragedy of Lebanon has not ended..."

New committee chairmen

Following are the committee chairmen proposed by the House Committee — after agreement was reached by the Alignment and the Likud — and who were due to be elected by the respective committees in the Knesset last night:

Alignment chairmen: Foreign Affairs and Defence — Abba Eban; Education and Culture — Nahman Razi; State Control — David Libal; Economics — Elihu Speiser; Labour and Social Affairs — Ora Namir.

Likud chairmen: Finance — Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael, from Likud allocation); House — Michael Reiser (Herut); Interior — Dov Shilansky (Herut); Law — Elizer Kulas (Liberals); Aliya and Absorption — unassigned.

Peres to meet U.S. diplomat today Progress seen on deal for Lebanon pull-out

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy is due to meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem this morning as efforts appear to be accelerating to secure an early Israeli withdrawal from South Lebanon.

Murphy arrived in Israel yesterday after talks in Beirut and Damascus with Lebanese and Syrian leaders.

The official Syrian news agency Sana said the two-hour talks Murphy held in Damascus with President Hafez Assad and Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam had focused on Lebanon and "ways to bring about an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanese territory."

The agency did not elaborate, but there have been persistent reports from Damascus and Beirut over the past few days that Syria is prepared to cooperate in a new diplomatic effort to get Israel out of Lebanon.

Syrian cooperation would include tacit acceptance of formal security arrangements between Israel and Lebanon, and a Syrian undertaking to keep the PLO out of the south, according to these reports.

Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karamneh, who earlier met with Murphy in Beirut, said after the meeting that he was "confident" Israel's occupation of South Lebanon "will (Continued on Back Page)

U.S. says it isn't mediating yet

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration yesterday sought to dispel any notion that the U.S. already had embarked on a mediating effort between Israel and Syria to secure an Israeli military withdrawal from South Lebanon.

The State Department's spokesman, Alan Romberg, told reporters that Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy was merely on a fact-finding mission in the region.

Other U.S. officials said Murphy, the department's highest ranking Middle East specialist, would have made a swing through the region in the near future even if the U.S. Embassy annex in East Beirut had not been bombed last week. His schedule, they said, was accelerated in order to investigate the circumstances surrounding the car bombing in Beirut.

Romberg cautioned reporters against concluding that Murphy, a former ambassador to Syria and Saudi Arabia, was already negotiating an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Romberg and other U.S. officials said the administration is prepared to be helpful in responding to Israel's request for American diplomatic assistance in negotiating a withdrawal as well as accompanying security guarantees for Israel.

But they maintained that no formal negotiation had yet started and that additional advance work was required before the U.S. embarked on such a specific objective.

Shamir meets Egyptian FM for 90 minutes

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir met yesterday for 1½ hours with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmet Abdul Meguid in the first such meeting between Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers since the outbreak of the Lebanon war.

Spokesman Avi Pazner said the talks took place in a "friendly and open atmosphere" and noted that the meeting had originally been scheduled to last only for 45 minutes.

Shamir told Meguid that Israel is "not satisfied with the cold peace" and that Israel wants "peace with substance."

Meguid expressed the Egyptian government's "willingness to improve relations with Israel," but said "there remain a few problems."

On the issue of Taba, Shamir expressed surprise that "we returned 60,000 square kilometres of Sinai but you (Egypt) makes problems over 90 square metres. Shamir expressed his readiness to renew autonomy negotiations with Jordan and representatives of the Palestinians."

David Landau adds: Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday he had "been hearing" that a resolution of the Israel-Egypt dispute over Taba would thaw the "cold peace" between the two countries.

Peres was speaking to The Jerusalem Post shortly after meeting with the Egyptian charge d'affaires, Mohammed Bassiouni, for the second time since he became premier.

Peres said the Israel-Egypt dialogue centred almost wholly on Lebanon and on Taba. Regarding Lebanon, Egypt was growing more hopeful that the end of Israel's involvement was in sight.

Regarding Taba, the premier said he would carefully study the issues surrounding the dispute. He suggested a "territorial compromise" over the tiny strip of sand near Eilat.

Other sources recently told The Post that Egypt is keen to submit the dispute to arbitration.

THE GAME OF THE NAME

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The cabinet secretariat yesterday suspended an official circular, initiated by the Foreign Ministry, which laid down that Vice-Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir be known as "prime minister alternate."

The suspension follows a week of intensive efforts by certain of Shamir's aides to push this latter title through the unity government's bureaucracy despite reservations, and even ridicule, from many government and non-government quarters.

The question will now remain in abeyance, cabinet secretary Yossi Beilin told The Jerusalem Post, until Shamir returns from the U.S.

The efforts by Shamir's aides began 10 days ago. As the unity cabinet held its first meeting, acting cabinet secretary Michael Nir was informed by the Foreign Ministry of Shamir's designation "prime minister alternate" — and asked to circulate it to other interested parties.

Among those parties were Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who is to rotate with Shamir in two years time, and who was neither consulted nor informed in advance of the Foreign Ministry's precedent-making determination.

The Post was also advised by the Foreign Ministry that same day that this was to be Shamir's title. Shamir's aides claimed that the protocol departments of the British and French Foreign Ministries had been consulted.

The Post, however, encountered reservations and ridicule over the proposed title, both on the part of high-ranking ministry officials and on the part of other senior diplomatic and journalistic sources, whom The Post consulted.

Not one of these eminent authorities approved of "prime minister alternate." Even close political allies of Shamir bristled at the designation.

Inside the ministry knowing accusations were levelled at Shamir's inner coterie of aides who, it was said, were plying him with poor advice.

The idea behind the proposed designation apparently is to refer obliquely to the rotation 25 months hence. This reference, however, as the experts point out, is not contained in the official Hebrew title, *mamleh mekom rosh hamemshala* (literally, he who fills the place of the prime minister). The Hebrew refers solely to the vice-prime minister's role — not enshrined in a special law — as the permanent and automatic stand-in for the premier whenever he goes away.

It does not refer to the future rotation — and the proof is that, under the coalition agreement, Peres is to become *mamleh mekom rosh hamemshala* in 25 months, when Shamir becomes premier.

These considerations apparently moved Peres' aides to balk at the proposed title for Shamir.

Their balking, coupled with the experts' disapproval, resulted in yesterday's suspension — and is likely to result, in the end, in the government's acceptance of The Post's designation: vice-prime minister.

(Shamir's aides and The Post both — separately — chose "deputy prime minister" as the apposite title for David Levy and Yitzhak Navon, each of whom in Hebrew is *sgan rosh hamemshala*.)

SHIMON PERES. The Prime Minister talks to The Post, in an exclusive Rosh Hashana interview.

HOLY DAY THEMES. Articles by Michael Shashar on the "treasured people" concept, and by Moshe Kohn on "gemilut hasadim."

A BLIND PHOTOGRAPHER. Harry Garfield, who cannot see the prizes he has won, meets Sheldon Teitelbaum.

NAVON THE EDUCATOR. Deputy Premier Yitzhak Navon talks about his new portfolio, to Yosef Goell and Judy Siegel-Itzkovich.

THE AFTERMATH. Hersh Goodman, who was at Suk-mour hours after the massacre, assesses the incident's effect on the Lahad army's viability.

OLEG BITOV. The Soviet journalist's second defection is examined by Duff Hart-Davis of The Sunday Telegraph.

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Tiberias	72	20-36	36
Nazareth	49	19-32	33
Azula	57	19-32	34
Sharon	45	20-33	33
Tel Aviv	74	21-29	30
B-G Airport	57	18-31	31
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel yesterday welcomed Erik Blumenfeld, member of the European Parliament and chairman of the Israel-Germany Friendship Group, at the Knesset.

Robert Arno, of New York, has been elected Chairman of the board of trustees of Ben-Gurion University. He will replace retiring chairman Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild at the board's next session, in May 1985.

Professor Judah Moshe Eisenberg has been appointed dean of the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Faculty of Exact Sciences at Tel Aviv University. He is replacing Professor Eliezer Gileadi who has completed his term of office.

ARRIVALS

World Wide executive chairman Michael Modai from a Wizo mission to Canada.

Maccabi TA wins cliffhanger by 88-87

By DON GOULD
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Maccabi Tel Aviv tripped Hapoel Tel Aviv to take the Tel Aviv Derby at Yad Eliahu here last night 88-87 in the fifth round of the National Basketball League.
The game was delayed when the referees arrived half an hour late due to a deliberate slowdown over a wage dispute. In this game it did not help them as they had to work twice as hard to keep the hot-tempered match under control.

The champions Maccabi kept building 7 to 10 point leads only to find Hapoel continually closing the gap. With 12 seconds left, Hapoel Tel Aviv's diminutive guard Shmuel Zissman went to the foul line with the possibility of making two shots and giving the lead to Hapoel. He missed the first try and the ball went over to Maccabi who held on to a one-point victory.
Maccabi's scoring attack was led by Mickey Berkowitz with 20 pt. but Yoav Kadmon's 10 pt. in the second half were crucial in holding Hapoel at bay. Levontin Mercer took game-winning honours with 22 pt.

Hapoel Azula 76, Bnei Tel Aviv 75
Maccabi Ramat Gan 124, Hapoel Be'er Sheva 85
Hapoel Ashdod 85, Hapoel Upper Galilee 89
Hapoel Ramat Gan 101, Hapoel Kiryat Gat 72
Maccabi Haifa 99, Hapoel Ganei Tikva 62

3 hurt by grenade in capital

Three people were injured, one with moderate wounds, when a hand grenade was thrown into a Jerusalem flat at 4 a.m. yesterday. Flat owner Moti Levy, 25, and two others were injured when the grenade exploded in his apartment in Rehov Hashlosha Hashishi in Musrara. Police said the incident was connected to gang rivalry.

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HOME NEWS

Buying spree empties supermarket food stocks

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - The buying spree on subsidized food products continued yesterday morning as customers tried to snap up the products at old prices. Some supermarkets ran out of the sought-after foods.

The buying spree began Sunday night, with some stores remaining open past 10 p.m. to handle the rush after the government announced that prices of subsidized food products would go up by as much as 55 per cent at midnight Sunday.

Petrol stations were also jammed on Sunday night as motorists queued

up for as long as an hour to beat the 30 per cent price jump that went into effect at midnight.

A spokesman for Supersol estimated that 30 out of the chain's 54 stores ran out of products like sugar, oil and frozen meat.

The spokesman said that the buying spree which began Sunday was renewed yesterday morning.

A spokesman for the Shekem chain said there had been a bigger than normal run on food, particularly subsidized products, yesterday morning and Sunday night.

"The increase in sales was bigger than we had expected, even taking

into account the forthcoming holidays, and a lot of it was due to people trying to beat the price increases," he said.

Shoppers in Haifa reacted to the price increases with bitterness. Ada Uziel, from the Neve Sha'anani quarter, lambasted the government for increasing prices just before the holidays.

"These increases are hitting those who can least afford it, and not the ones who have got the money," she said.

"One man said the price hikes of this sort would not be allowed in other countries, but only in Israel

where people have become hardened to inflation. Another shopper pointed out that workers will not be compensated for the increases in their salaries.

The size of the hike in fuel prices came as something of a shock - many motorists had anticipated increases of up to 15 per cent but not the 30 per cent imposed by the government.

Lorry driver David Kahana of Tel Aviv complained that the price rise might force him out of business. "We will have to pay the increases straight away, but it will be up to two months before we get paid for our deliveries, and those payments are not linked," he said.

Opposition threatens to boycott Knesset sessions

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday recessed until after the Succot holiday with the opposition parties threatening to boycott the plenum and committees because of what they called the undemocratic connivance of the Alignment and the Likud to deprive them of committee chairmanships.

Speaker Shlomo Hillel said that if the opposition parties carried out their threat they would harm the Knesset and sully its image in the world.

"Even if your case is just," he said, "this is not the way."

It was probably the first time that Tehiya had formed an alliance with Mapam. The two (with five and six MKs, respectively) were joined by the Citizens Rights Movement, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, and the Progressive List for Peace. Absent from the Knesset yesterday were the two single-member factions: Aharon Abuhatzira (Tami) and Meir Kahane (Kach).

The simmering resentment of Mapam and Tehiya was brought to a boil by the reversal by the Alignment and the Likud, of the big parties' original intention of allocating one of "their" committees to Mapam and Tehiya, respectively.

Tehiya was due to get the Aliya Committee and Mapam the Com-

mittee on State Control. The Alignment is still holding one of its three Deputy Speakerships open for Mapam, but the Likud has changed its mind about giving Tehiya one of its three.

The Knesset met at 11 a.m. yesterday. After the prime minister presented the names of four deputy ministers and a debate was held on the re-establishment of a separate Police Ministry (see separate story), Hillel adjourned the session until 5 p.m.

This was mainly because the Likud had re-opened the question of the chairmanship of the Economic Committee, which on Sunday had been allocated by the Steering Committee to the Alignment. The Likud wanted the post for Yigal Cohen-Orgad.

The session was re-opened only at 6 p.m.

In different styles, but with essentially the same content, Tewfik Toubi (DFPE) Elazar Granot (Mapam) and Mordechai Bar-On (CRM), declared that there can be no parliamentary democracy without an active opposition with fair representation.

They said they would not submit the names of their members for the committee places allocated to them and would "not take part in the conspiracy."

Steering Committee chairman

Avraham Katz-Oz's motion to fix the number of deputy speakers at six was carried by coalition votes, with the opposition parties abstaining.

Katz-Oz then nominated four of the six Deputy Speakers saying that the House Committee would nominate the remaining two at a later time. (This because Mapam has so far refused to accept one of the Alignment's posts as a gift and because the Liberals have not reached agreement on their candidate.)

Aharon Nahmias and Dov Ben-Meir (both Alignment) and Eliezer Shostak were elected by the coalition votes, with the opposition merely abstaining.

But the nomination of Meir Cohen-Avidov was opposed by all of the left opposition factions. Tehiya abstained, and was joined by three Alignment members (David Liba'i, Ora Namir and Haim Ramon). Cohen-Avidov was elected by a vote of 31-10, with six abstentions.

Katz-Oz's request for approval of committee assignments gave the opposition another opportunity to denounce "the scandal" perpetrated by the two large factions.

Granot charged that dividing the 10 committee chairmanships between the two would empty the Knesset of democratic content. He noted that for the first time the State Control Committee would not be headed by an opposition member.

He argued that since there are 120 MKs and 10 committees, the quota for a committee chairmanship is 12. And since the opposition numbers 23, it is entitled to two chairmanships.

Genia Cohen (Tehiya) charged the Likud with seeking revenge against Tehiya, and Yossi Sarid (CRM) said that the majority must give an example of democratic behaviour. He reminded his erstwhile colleagues in the Alignment how they had all sworn that when the Alignment was returned to power it would not follow the undemocratic ways of the Likud.

Hillel, before adjourning the session, called on the opposition and coalition to work out an agreement. He announced that the House Committee would meet immediately afterwards to nominate the committee chairmen, then all committees would meet briefly to vote on the nominations.

This was not decided by the plenum, because each committee elects its own chairman. This is only a formality however, since everything was worked out in advance by the two large factions and approved by the Steering Committee.

Later in the evening, the five opposition factions held an "emergency meeting" and decided to set up a committee of five to plan their next steps.

NEWS BACKGROUND/David Bernstein

Breakthrough in sight for IDF withdrawal

An early Israeli withdrawal from Southern Lebanon looks considerably more likely today than it has at any time during the past two and a half years, with a growing spate of hints dripped in Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem and even Washington over the past two days, suggesting that a workable arrangement is in the making.

The new mood of optimism was captured succinctly yesterday by Lebanese Premier Rashid Karamah, who predicted that Israel's occupation "will not last long."

"I am confident of what I am saying," said the Syrian-backed premier, implying his confidence was based on his talks in Beirut yesterday with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy.

"It has been detected from the talks with Mr. Murphy that he was bringing the good tidings of an early breakthrough," Karamah was quoted as saying. He did not elaborate.

The stalemate appeared to be breaking last week, in the course of talks by UN Undersecretary-General Brian Urquhart with leaders in Jerusalem, Damascus and Beirut.

The pro-Syrian Beirut daily as-Safir reported following Urquhart's meetings in Damascus that the Syrians were prepared to cooperate in efforts to get Israel out of South Lebanon.

This cooperation, according to the daily, included tacit Syrian agreement to some form of formal security arrangement between Israel and Lebanon, possibly based on their 1949 General Armistice Agreement, and a Syrian commitment to prevent the PLO from returning to South Lebanon.

This Syrian position was confirmed in an interview earlier this week by Lebanese President Amin Jemayel, who said he had been informed of this by Syrian Vice-

President Abdul Halim Khaddam. It would seem, however, that the real breakthrough has taken place not in Damascus, but in Jerusalem.

The Syrian position has not, in fact, changed substantially since Israel invaded Lebanon in June 1982. It insisted then as it does now, on an unconditional Israeli withdrawal, unlinked to a similar withdrawal of its own forces from Eastern Lebanon, that would leave Jerusalem with no tangible "reward" for its invasion.

For the first time, Israel appears ready to go considerably more than half-way to meeting Syria's conditions, and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was quoted as saying in New York over the weekend something he was not prepared to say as premier in a Likud government - that Israel is no longer insisting on a parallel Syrian withdrawal as a precondition to pulling the IDF out of South Lebanon.

Lotto fever for IS 150m. jackpot

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Lotto fever gripped the country last night as the IS150 million jackpot prize was drawn.

The winning lotto numbers are: 7, 11, 12, 14, 26 and 37, with the added lucky number - 18.

It is estimated that ticket-holders had a four million to one chance in winning the biggest-ever prize money in the state's history.

However, those odds did not deter thousands of people from taking part in this week's competition.

The record prize money accumulated as the last two jackpots went unclaimed, said a Mifal Hapais spokesman. If last night's jackpot is still not won, the prize will be added to next week's competition.

With a minimum prize of IS100m. more than 700,000 Lotto tickets were sold this week - more than double the normal number.

The spokesman added that the results of the lottery are expected to be announced tonight.

Only if the cash is not claimed by the fifth week will the pot be divided proportionately between the other prizes.

Three people shared the previous record jackpot of IS80m.

Beduin say Green Patrol took their camels

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two Beduin brothers from the al-Azazme tribe in Nahal Zin in the Negev last night complained at Beer-sheva police headquarters that Green Patrol officers beat them up and robbed them of 10 camels only hours after the camels were vaccinated.

According to Ateek al-Ramak, the incident took place at their campsite about 8 p.m. Sunday. A few hours earlier, Beer-sheva veterinarian Salman Abu-Salik had vaccinated the 10 camels, which are the bulk of the two brothers' property.

Four months in jail for causing traffic accident

ACRE (Itim). - An 18-year-old resident of the Galilee village of Rama yesterday was sentenced in Magistrates Court here to four months in jail and eight months suspended for his part in causing a traffic accident in which three soldiers were seriously injured.

The accident occurred on August 12, when the car in which Osman Hassan Mansour and a friend were travelling collided with an army car. Mansour and his companion fled from their blood-stained car, but were found after an extensive police search.



Health Minister Mordechai Gur with his new deputy, Shoshana Arbelle-Almoshino. (Dan Leshem)

Health chief warns against bigger sick fund payments

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A major hike in the scale of sick fund payments would be contrary to the principles of a welfare state, Health Minister Mordechai Gur said yesterday.

Gur's ministry has been let off relatively lightly in the government's new economic plan and has been requested to trim its budget by \$55 million.

But he stressed his opposition to a cut-back in staff when he said "efficiency comes through savings not sackings. What we have to do is invest our resources wisely," he added.

Gur said many hospitals have expensive equipment which is not fully utilized because there is no one to operate it after normal working hours.

Now he wants to re-roster staff, so that the health system, if not in its entirety, will be working 24 hours a day. In his opinion this will eliminate unnecessary waiting time between examinations and operations and will also take the pressure off sick people who have to miss work to

undergo tests at some of the irregular hours instituted at hospitals and clinics.

"The Treasury has been very sympathetic to our problems," Gur told a press conference. "Even they acknowledged that we couldn't make direct cuts in excess of \$15 million."

But there is a dispute between Gur and Treasury officials as to sources for the remaining \$40m. Under the circumstances, Gur said, he is a party to imposing further suffering on the sick by making them pay separate fees for treatment. He is willing to consider raising the scale of monthly payments to health insurance funds, but only if this is feasible within the existing framework. He will consult with the various sick funds during the next week to see reactions.

Gur, who was joined by newly appointed deputy Health Minister Shoshana Arbelle Almoshino, said bluntly that he saw no reason why the bill for public health had to be footed by the network of health services. Public health could just as easily be funded by revenues from property or travel taxes, he said.

No accord on education cuts

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday failed to reach agreement on cuts in the ministry's budget. The issue has been referred to a ministerial committee headed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Navon presented Moda'i with a list of alternative proposals to those forwarded by the Treasury, which fell 60 per cent short of the \$100 million cut demanded by the Treasury.

Reiterating his opposition to cancelling free high school education, Navon suggested two possible options for financing it. One would be to raise funds through the National Insurance Institute by increasing income deductions for education from 0.4 per cent to 0.6 per cent. The other possibility was to impose an education levy only on families with children enrolled at any level of the education system from compulsory kindergarten to high school. Navon

suggested IS3,000 per family, irrespective of the number of children which that family had in school. He preferred the former idea.

Navon said that the ministry would discontinue classes with small numbers of pupils, but he objected strenuously to the Treasury's proposal to do away with 40,000 hours of tuition time, in addition to the 100,000 hour reduction during the past two years. To counter the dwindling study hours, Navon asked all teachers to volunteer one hour per week to the job. This would save IS9 billion.

Navon and Moda'i also disagreed on staff reductions. Navon stated that the ministry could not dispense with psychologists, truancy inspectors and student counsellors.

The two ministers agreed to defer implementation of the bill passed by the Tenth Knesset, making free kindergarten compulsory for children aged 3-4.

Navon and Moda'i will meet again on the budgetary problems of the universities and other institutions of higher learning.

'Another abduction attempt' led to Katz suspects arrest

HAIFA (Itim). - The police got onto the trail of the suspected murderers of Danny Katz after they received a report of the attempted abduction of another Haifa boy. This was stated yesterday in District Court at the trial of five men for the murder of the 15-year-old boy in Haifa last December.

Ahmad Kuzli, Ataf Sabihi, Samir and Fathi Janama and Ali Janim are charged with abducting the youth from near his home in the Danya neighbourhood, murdering him and hiding his body in a cave.

Retired superintendent Dov Ganor, who headed the investigation team until his recent retirement, testified that in January, six weeks after the Katz murder, the police learned of an unsuccessful attempt to abduct another youth near a copse on Rehov Abba Khoushy.

Under hypnosis, the boy recalled that a man spoke to him from a Peugeot van. Police charge that the five suspects dragged Katz into a Peugeot van, used by one of them for supermarket deliveries.

The head of the police memory enhancement unit admitted that testimony taken this way sometimes included imaginary elements, and for this reason he had rejected a proposal that the boy try to draw the man who tried to abduct him, or reconstruct him with an identikit.

The police denied statements by two of the defence counsel that their clients had been hypnotized. Ganor pointed out that the agreement of the subject was necessary for hypnosis. Ganor also again denied that he had hit Kuzli, as charged by Kuzli's counsel. He said that he had not touched the accused.

Nazareth city workers begin warning strike

NAZARETH (Itim). - Municipal workers here yesterday started a two-day warning strike to protest against not having been paid their August salaries.

The 373 employees said they would return to work tomorrow. But if their salaries, totalling IS78 mil-

lion, are not paid by Friday, they will hold a general strike.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who is also acting Interior Minister, told Nazareth Mayor Toufik Ziad yesterday that he would look into the possibility of helping the financially troubled municipality.

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At the approach of Rosh Hashana

Public told to be alert, bomb found in capital

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
and SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The police have issued a call for citizens throughout the country to be on the alert in the coming days as there are indications that terrorist groups may try to sabotage the High Holy Days.

In Jerusalem, the discovery yesterday morning of a small homemade pipe-bomb in the Ramat Eshkol shopping centre coincided with the police alert call. Danny Robas, 17, noticed the pipe-bomb and its attached timer hidden in a carton behind the main entrance

door to the Supersol supermarket at 7.30 a.m.

According to police sources, the bomb was set to go off within the hour. Robas informed manager Andre Leon, who quickly cleared the store of staff and an early morning rush of shoppers, and called the police.

Jerusalem police commander Haim Albados issued his call for the public to be alert shortly after the bomb was neutralized by the sappers. A few hours later, the National Police Headquarters issued a general call to look out for suspicious objects.

Chief rabbis criticize pre-holiday price rises

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The chief rabbis yesterday spoke out against this week's pre-holiday price rises, saying it would impair the celebration of Rosh Hashana for many members of the public.

Speaking in a pre-Rosh Hashana news conference at their offices in Jerusalem's Hechal Shlomo, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Elihu noted that the price hikes should have come a few weeks ago or after the holiday. As it is, Rosh Hashana falls at the end of the month when many people are already low in funds, Elihu said.

The rabbis indicated that they had attempted to influence the government not to make the increases at this time, to no avail. They did not say what form their intervention took.

Speaking about the economic situation, they said that they had previously criticized large and showy weddings and other celebrations during this period of hardship for some people. People should be content with what they have, Shapira said.

He noted that it would seem that Jews are clever about economics everywhere but in the Land of Israel.

Shapira added, in line with biblical precepts, that as long as Jews did not observe the Commandments, they would find life difficult.

The rabbis defended their signature on a petition calling for Rosh Hashana leave for the Jewish Underground suspects. Throughout the world rabbis try to get Jews released from prison for the High Holy Days, they said, and they themselves had made such efforts on behalf of other observant Jews in the past.

More to go by bus on holiday

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged expects that many more people will travel by bus and train on Rosh Hashana eve than a year ago, to combat rising prices, the company spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman, Gideon Talmor, estimates the number of bus passengers on the holiday eve to reach half a million compared to 300,000 last year.

Egged's entire fleet of nearly 4,000 buses will be on the roads Wednesday morning and about 5,000 drivers, including pensioners, garage workers and administration workers, will be behind the wheel.

Talmor said that every year there is a terrible crush at about noon on the holiday eve in the central bus station areas of the large cities. He said this is because workers, soldiers and families with children get going on their travel at about that time.

He said he has been trying for years to persuade places of work and the Israel Defence Forces to spread out the release of workers and soldiers so that they will not arrive at the bus stations all at the same time, but till now without great success.

Talmor also said that Egged has also increased the number of buses for the eve and the end of the holiday on the Tel Aviv-Eilat run from nine to 31. The Tel Aviv-Haifa line will have 95 buses on those days instead of the 70 of a regular Friday. The Jerusalem-Tel Aviv line will have 90 buses instead of 75.

The Dan bus cooperative will also put its entire fleet of buses on the road and all available drivers behind the wheel.

The National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents is planning a national road safety campaign on the eve of the holiday. They plan to offer free tips on safe driving to motorists at different intersections.

In some of these spots, the Lev Manos road service company will give free car check-ups and minor repairs will be carried out free. El Al will send 12 buses to collect hitchhiking soldiers from the roads and from northern and southern army bases and transport them to central cities on the holiday eve.

The Allenby and Adam (Daniya) bridges across the Jordan River will be closed for the Rosh Hashana holiday, from 10 a.m. Wednesday until Sunday morning.

Bar-Lev: Terror suspects to spend Holy Days in jail

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The jailed members of the alleged Jewish underground will not be allowed to spend the High Holy Days at home with their families, the new police minister, Haim Bar-Lev, said in the Knesset yesterday.

This statement came just before the Knesset voted to re-create the Police Ministry.

The ministry was dissolved in 1977, when the first Likud government came to power, and its responsibilities vested in the Interior Ministry.

Yesterday's vote was strictly along (National Unity) coalition-opposition lines, with the former in favour and the latter opposed. The lone abstainer was Rafael Eitan of Tehiya-Tzomet.

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Dulzin says Russian Jews fear Stalinist revival

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Russian Jewish activists fear they are at the beginning of a new Stalinist era of repression. Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin said yesterday.

Speaking to reporters after returning from the presidium of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry in London, Dulzin said that despite the repression, Soviet Jews have begun to appeal for help from the outside world with open use of their names and addresses.

Dulzin said that many Soviet Jews feel they have been forgotten by Israel and Diaspora Jewish communities in the West. To some extent, he continued, they are right, since their struggle for emigration is not at the top of the scale of priorities either in Israel or in Jewish communities abroad.

Dulzin called for increased activism for Soviet Jewry. "We must give them the feeling that we haven't forgotten them," he said.

Dozens of Jewish organizations were represented at the meetings of the presidium, which convened last week at a time when emigration from Russia is nearly at a standstill and when

many of those permitted to leave decide to go to the U.S. rather than Israel.

The 55 members of the presidium agreed that the motto of the Soviet Jewry movement must be repatriation to Israel, and not just reunification of families, since many Soviet Jews who want to come on aliyah have no relatives here. He added that many Soviet Jews agree that the phenomenon of "dropping out" — going to the U.S. rather than Israel, despite possession of an Israeli visa — has proved catastrophic to the movement.

Among the examples of increased repression are the planting of guns and drugs in the homes of Soviet Jews; harsh sentences for teaching Hebrew; exile to Siberia on spurious charges; the loss of jobs for applying to emigrate and vicious anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist propaganda.

Dulzin noted that President Ronald Reagan had sent Max Kampelman, the U.S. envoy to the Madrid Conference on Security and Cooperation, to seven European countries. In each one, Kampelman urged leaders to join the fight for Soviet Jewish emigration.

Reagan is expected to raise the issue at his upcoming meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister

Andrei Gromyko. In addition, American oilman Armand Hammer, who has excellent contacts with Soviet leaders, promised during his recent visit to Israel to help.

The presidium issued a message to Soviet Jewry: "We have come to tell you that we know that although you have done nothing to harm the Soviet Union and will do nothing to harm it, you have been harassed and hounded during this past year in ways that remind you and us of the tragic events that took place in the black period that we thought had ended in 1953."

"But the difference between now and then," continued the message, is that "today we are aware of what is being done to you. Today there are no secrets, there is a free Jewish homeland whose doors are open to you... We salute your courage and we bow our heads in homage to your long suffering and to your steadfastness."

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tzur yesterday expressed the hope that the year 5745 would see the reopening of Soviet gates to Jewish emigration. He also looked forward to aliyah of Jews in Iran, Syria, Ethiopia and the West.

'Terror accused not unduly pressured to confess'

By DAVID MANDEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Most of the Jewish terror underground defendants gave statements to police concerning the group's alleged activities in a free, relaxed and sometimes proud manner, according to yesterday's testimony by officers who recorded the suspects' words and supervised the filming of them re-enacting their alleged crimes.

First and longest on the stand was Superintendent Shimon Sharvit. Sharvit testified on Sunday for the prosecution, which is charging 20 men with planning or carrying out a series of bloody attacks against West Bank Arabs. Yesterday, he was subjected to nearly 2½ hours of detailed cross-examination by defence lawyer Dan Avi-Yitzhak before the Jerusalem District Court, in the context of a mini-trial on whether the defendants' statements are admissible as evidence.

Before the questioning, presiding Judge Ya'acov Bazak announced that the co-accused had ruled against the prosecution's attempt to introduce evidence on consultations between the defendants and their lawyers in jail shortly after their arrest, as recorded by police and General Security Service agents whose presence had been required by a High Court decision. The court held that the lawyer-client privilege applied, despite the third parties' presence.

Sharvit reviewed the procedure, in which he had participated, of taking statements from a number of the defendants, and of outings taken, often in the middle of the night, to the scenes of the alleged crimes to re-enact them.

From his testimony, it emerged, as the defence has claimed, that GSS personnel handled the basic interrogation, with Sharvit and his staff of policemen called in mainly to record

the material which is now under scrutiny to see if it is acceptable as evidence. Although he was in charge of the day-to-day police involvement in the proceedings, the witness said he "had not shown an interest" in what occurred between the suspects' arrests and their offering statements — up to several weeks in some cases.

Sharvit said this was standard procedure for cases in which state security was involved, and he saw nothing unusual in it. Nor did he sense any undue pressure on the defendants, though he said he had understood that they were promised easier prison conditions in exchange for their cooperation.

Avi-Yitzhak pressed the witness concerning several incidents which, he seemed to imply, indicated the existence of such pressure. Defendant Yitzhak Novik, for instance, was taken to the hospital where his wife was giving birth only after completing a statement to Sharvit. Shaul Nir was allowed to pray in Hebron's Cave of the Patriarchs after cooperating in a re-enactment in the area; and Shaul's brother Barak Nir was allowed a home visit. But in some such instances, Sharvit said, the privilege was granted at his own initiative. Even when the GSS dictated terms, he said, he still saw nothing wrong with the tactic.

Sharvit insisted that he took photographs on his own initiative of various weapons which alleged underground leader Menahem Livni investigators took to a Kiyat Araba factory, despite GSS instructions not to do so because of "prior agreement with the suspect. The defence has claimed that the agreement was part of a larger deal to keep the alleged plot to bomb the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aksa Mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount under wraps and not to charge anyone for the plot.

Sharvit also told that he had angrily taken a letter by Shaul Nir from Nir's mother to the Council of Judea, Samaria and Gaza Settlements. The letter was claimed to have been sanctioned by the GSS, as part of the right granted to cooperative suspects to present their side of the story. The witness said he insisted on checking with the GSS, and confirmed that such publicity had been allowed as part of the deal with some defendants.

The defence has alleged that the "deal" between the GSS and defendants went much further, that quick release, short sentences and speedy pardons were promised by GSS interrogators who pretended to identify with the defendants' actions.

The Nir brothers' mother managed to arouse the anger of Judge Bazak yesterday when she suddenly burst into the courtroom shouting that witnesses not yet called to the stand were illicitly eavesdropping on the proceedings from the hallway. Bazak ordered her ejected.

Making much shorter appearances on the stand were three other policemen who took part, under

Sharvit, in recording the evidence now being challenged: Superintendent Avraham Feder, Inspector Arye Reshef and Sergeant Major Shlomo Belisha. They also insisted that the defendants made their statements and re-enactments freely, in good spirits, and after being warned that they could be used against them in court.

One of the locations defendant Dan Be'eri took him to, Belisha related, was a Jerusalem apartment in which a meeting had taken place, according to the suspect, attended by Gush Emunim leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger among others, and at which one of the subjects discussed was the Temple Mount plot. Levinger was released on bail after 11 days of questioning last May and has not been charged.

Meanwhile, attempts to win a High Holy Days furlough for the defendants, all but one of whom are being held until the end of the trial, are gathering steam. A petition circulated yesterday by supporters contained the names of some 90 rabbis, most of them holding official positions in city or town rabbinates.

NRP houses terror defence groups

By MYRA NOVECK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Beit Hapoei Hamizrachi, the National Religious Party's Jerusalem headquarters is being used as a base for supporters of the accused Jewish terrorists and their families, a leading NRP official has admitted.

The organization called Laor, which earlier this year gathered petitions for the suspects' release, and the Action Committee for the suspects and their families, which has been collecting donations are using the address and office space of the

Hapoei Hamizrachi building on Rehov Hazanovitch.

NRP local secretary Shlomo Laks confirmed that people from Gush Emunim had been given the premises from which to operate free of charge. Laks added that there had been no protest from local party members.

After the Laor group was established last spring, Gush Emunim issued statements dissociating itself from the Jewish underground supporters. Gush Emunim also denied official office space to Laor in its own offices in Jerusalem.

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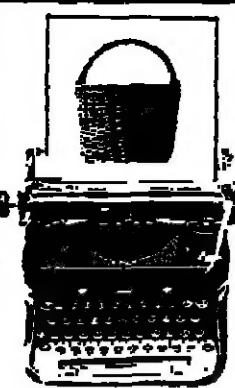
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Reagan bids to revive exchanges with Soviets

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — President Ronald Reagan yesterday abandoned the anti-Soviet rhetoric that has marked his political career in a speech to the UN General Assembly aimed at both Moscow and the American electorate.

Reagan made no new proposals on arms control, but held out the possibility of "restraint" on space weapons if the Soviet Union returned to the nuclear negotiating table.

He also called for regular ministerial meetings that could lead to a U.S.-Soviet summit and for an unprecedented exchange of military information.

There was no official Soviet response to the speech yesterday.

Reagan, who in the past has spoken of a Soviet "evil empire" and has said Moscow's leaders reserved to themselves the right to lie and cheat, made no direct criticism of the Soviet Union yesterday.

His call for observance of international human rights standards was couched in general terms.

Moving further along the path of conciliation that began in a speech last January, Reagan declared: "We are ready for constructive negotiations with the Soviet Union."

In a departure from his prepared text, Reagan said he could see the

U.S. and Soviet representatives sitting in the General Assembly chamber and added: "It's clear there is not a great distance between us." It was only here that his 35-minute speech was interrupted by applause.

His specific proposals included a call for consideration of exchanges of five-year military plans and of experts to monitor nuclear weapons tests.

Observers said the chances of a positive response to this idea from the usually secretive Soviet Union were remote, a fact that Reagan seemed to acknowledge when he said that "some may dismiss such proposals and my own optimism as simplistic American idealism."

Neither Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko nor his aides joined in applauding Reagan's speech. The Soviet delegation sat immediately below the rostrum from which Reagan spoke.

The first direct Soviet reaction to the president's remarks is expected tomorrow when Secretary of State George Shultz has talks with Gromyko in New York. The Soviet diplomat addresses the General Assembly on Thursday.

Reagan meets Gromyko in Washington on Friday in his first substantive talks with a senior Soviet official since he took office.

7 working British miners crash through 5,000 pickets

LONDON (AP). — Five thousand militant pickets, some firing at police with air-guns and slingshots, failed to stop seven miners from going to work at Maltby colliery in South Yorkshire yesterday as Britain's coal strike entered its 29th week.

Ten people were arrested and 14 policemen, an opposition Labour Party member of Parliament, and a local television reporter were injured, a police spokesman said.

Under a rain of stones, lead pellets and pieces of wood, helmeted police carrying riot shields for ad the pickets back as a bus carrying the seven miners swept through the gates.

Local Labour MP Kevin Bagron, who suffered a shoulder injury, said he was hit by a police baton. He called for an investigation by the South Yorkshire police chief.

Meanwhile, the leader of the non-striking Mine Supervisors Union accused the state-owned National Coal Board of interfering with a strike ballot that could shut all mines still working. The supervisors carry out safety checks which are mandatory before a mine can operate.

As supervisors began voting yesterday, union leader Peter McNesty said the board had "spread deliberate lies in an attempt to influence the way people vote."

If 66 per cent of the 17,000 foremen vote for a strike on October 1, they will all walk out. None of the miners who have defied their leaders in the 183,000-member National Union of Mineworkers will then be able to go underground because the foremen are responsible for supervising stringent safety regulations.

British dismantle mine fished out of Gulf of Suez

CAIRO (AP). — British navy crews, seeking to unravel the mystery behind Red Sea explosions, have confirmed a device found in the Gulf of Suez was a modern mine and have removed its instruments to try to determine its origin, a British Embassy source said yesterday.

"We have now established that the object is indeed a mine," said the well-placed source. "We have cut the mine in two, separating the instrumentation part from the part containing the explosives. We have lifted the instrumentation part from the water, and our people are examining it now. This may take several days."

The explosive section of the three-metre-long mine remains submerged in about 10 metres of water, he added.

Osama el-Baz, President Hosni Mubarak's chief political adviser, told reporters that Egyptian and British experts have not determined who laid the mine, which may have

been among those which damaged 19 ships in the Gulf and Red Sea since July.

"We have not reached any conclusive evidence in this respect, and we are not going to jump to any conclusions prematurely," el-Baz said.

"We have to have iron-clad evidence before pointing a finger of accusation to this party or that."

Egyptian officials have threatened reprisals, including a ban on use of the strategic Suez Canal, against any nation found to have planted the mines. Egyptian sources suspect Libya and possibly Iran planted the mines to disrupt shipping in the area, but both nations deny responsibility.

British and Egyptian military sources say the device found is unlike any mine known to be in the arsenal of any country, including Arab, western, communist and other Third World navies. They do not rule out the possibility the device could be a modification of mines in use elsewhere.

British TV screens film on effects of nuclear war

LONDON (Reuters). — A chilling dramatization of life in an English city during and after a nuclear war was screened on British television on Sunday night. (It was also shown on Jordan TV.)

Threads, a two-hour documentary by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), depicted the devastation of Sheffield over a 13-year period following the outbreak of a nuclear war between East and West.

The film incorporated the scientific thesis that nuclear war would cause a nuclear winter of falling light and sub-zero temperatures in which plants would die.

The story was told through the experiences of two families in Sheffield.

It portrayed the destruction from the first atomic flash melting milk bottles on doorsteps to the lingering effects of the war on luckless survivors.

An American film, *The Day After*, provoked a major controversy when it was screened last year at a time of mass demonstrations across Europe to stop the stationing of new medium range nuclear missiles for the Nato alliance.

The origin of the war in the British show is in the Middle East. Soviet incursions into Iran lead to a confrontation with the U.S., and finally to a 3000-megaton East-West war. Hundreds of megatons fall on Britain.

Australian PM cried because daughter hooked on heroin

SYDNEY (Reuters). — The wife of Prime Minister Bob Hawke revealed last night that her husband had burst into tears at a press conference last week because their daughter was a heroin addict.

Hawke broke down in front of reporters and television cameras on Thursday when questioned about his Labour government's handling of organized crime and drug trafficking in Australia.

Hazel Hawke said in a television interview that her daughter Roslyn and her husband, Matt, both had a

heroin problem.

Hawke's emotional outburst sparked news media speculation on how it might affect his chances in an early general election, expected to be called for December.

Newspapers at first thought Hawke was referring to his other daughter Sue, who had an appeal upheld over two convictions involving marijuana in 1982.

But Mrs. Hawke disclosed that he meant 23-year-old Roslyn, who is now undergoing rehabilitation with her husband.

Neo-Nazi planned PLO arms plant

NUREMBERG. West Germany. (Reuters). — Neo-Nazi leader Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, charged with ordering two murders in West Germany, told a court yesterday he had planned to build an arms factory in Lebanon to supply Palestinian terrorists.

Hoffmann, 46, denies ordering the 1980 killings of Jewish publisher Shlomo Levin and a woman companion to impress friends in the Palestine Liberation Organization, which the prosecution alleges was training his 14-man neo-Nazi band in Lebanon.

Egypt welcomes agreement over Chad

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt hopes that the recent agreement between France and Libya for a mutual withdrawal of their troops from Chad will be implemented "with good intentions," the Egyptian Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

This was the first official Egyptian reaction to the agreement announced in Paris on September 17 following a visit to Tripoli by the French Foreign Minister, Claude Cheysson.

"Egypt hopes that the Franco-Libyan agreement will be implemented with good intentions and will lead to the withdrawal of Libyan troops from all Chadian territory," said the statement released by the official Middle East News Agency.

The Egyptian government has consistently supported Chad President Hissene Habre against the Libyan-backed rebels.

The agency added that a high level delegation from Habre's government would arrive in Cairo "within the next few days."

Giscard starts political comeback

PARIS (Reuters). — Former president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who was swept from the Elysee three years ago by Socialist François Mitterrand, made a triumphant comeback to the political scene on Sunday by winning a seat in the National Assembly by a landslide.

The 58-year-old centre-right politician won a by-election in the Puy-de-Dôme constituency in central France, where he has his roots, taking 63.24 per cent of the vote to capture the heaviest poll by any candidate including himself in the past 28 years.

Socialist Michele Andre finished second with 20.24 per cent.

Former SS sergeant ordered out of U.S.

MIAMI BEACH (Reuters). — An Austrian mayor has been ordered to leave the U.S. because he did not report that he had been a sergeant in the Nazi SS force, a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service spokesman said yesterday.

He said Franz Hausberger, 64, mayor of the Austrian ski resort of Mayrhofen, had been declared *persona non grata* and was expected to fly back to Austria.

The spokesman said that although Hausberger had not been convicted of any war crimes, he should have reported his SS service when applying for a U.S. visa.

Hausberger came here to attend the dedication of Miami Beach's new boardwalk and promote tourism in his own town. He was photographed on Friday receiving a commemorative medal from Miami Beach Mayor Malcolm Fromberg. Fromberg, who is Jewish, said later he knew nothing of Hausberger's past and told a radio interviewer he felt he had been "set up."

Payton's solace in Bears' defeat

NEW YORK (AP). — The Seattle Seahawks knocked the Chicago Bears from the undefeated ranks, while San Francisco and Miami kept their unbeaten streaks alive in National Football League play on Sunday.

While suffering a 38-9 loss, Chicago's Walter Payton moved past Seattle's Franco Harris as the No. 2 rusher in NFL history behind Jimmy Brown. Payton rushed for 116 yards on 24 carries, giving him 12,091 yards to Brown's 12,312. Harris was held to 23 yards in 14 carries, putting his yardage at 12,032.

Quarterback Dave Krieg scored from three yards out and combined with Eric Lane on a 55-yard score against Chicago. The Seattle defence accounted for their three other touchdowns. Both teams are 3-1.

In other games, San Francisco defeated Philadelphia 21-9, Miami defeated Indianapolis 44-7, the Los Angeles Rams topped Cincinnati 24-14, Dallas beat Green Bay 26-6, Denver dropped Kansas City 21-8, the New York Giants slipped Tampa Bay 17-14, Atlanta crushed Houston 42-18, Minnesota edged Detroit 28-28, the New York Jets got by Buffalo 28-24, Cleveland upset Pittsburgh 28-18, New Orleans downed St. Louis 24-24 and Washington beat New England 35-18.

Sports

Krickstein soars higher still

GENEVA (Reuters). — Seventeen-year-old Aaron Krickstein continued his splendid upward march in the world tennis rankings, when he beat Henrik Sundstrom 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 to win a ram-delivered final of the \$100,000 Geneva Grand Prix.

Trailing by a set when rain stopped the match on Sunday, Krickstein came back to overpower the No. 1 seed on the wet and heavy clay court.

Krickstein, one of the rising tops of American tennis, was seeded fifth despite his victory the previous week in the Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix. But he also disposed of defending champion and top seed Mats Wilander in the quarter-finals before his wonderfully combative comeback and triumph over another Swede in the final.

Sundstrom had a break point to go ahead in the final set, but the youngster from Sweden recovered superbly. He saved the point by punching his powerful forehand confidently over the net, while Krickstein's game like a veteran to round out his victory style.

In San Francisco, John McEnroe complained about his serve but managed a 6-4, 6-3 victory against stubborn Brad Gilbert to capture the \$265,000 Transamerica Open.

In another match, Krickstein's victory was a surprise, as he was a 15th seed, while his opponent was a 1st seed. Krickstein also had a good workout prior to the match. Davis Cup coach Fred Stolle said Krickstein was "like a veteran to round out his victory style."

Martina Navratilova dominated fledgling professional Michelle Yezes 6-1, 6-0 in the final of a \$150,000 Fort Lauderdale women's event, requiring only 38 minutes to claim her 60th straight singles victory.

Navratilova's only loss this year was to Mandrakova in January. Otherwise she has a perfect record, and she is expected to go on an entire year without losing.

Cubs almost there

NEW YORK (AP). — The Chicago Cubs moved to the threshold of the first championship of any kind in 74 years when they snuffed out a five-game tailspin to clinch a tie for the National League East title with an 8-1, 4-2 double-header sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals in Sunday's baseball action.

In the American League West, Minnesota pulled into a first-place tie with Kansas City, the Twin Cities leading Cleveland 5-1, the Royals beating 3-1 to Oakland. Third-place California, 3-1 losers to Texas in 10 innings, are 1½ games back. (San Diego have already clinched the NL West and Detroit have run away with NL East.)

National League Chicago 3, St. Louis 1 (1st game); Kansas City 3, Minnesota 2 (2nd game); New York 6, Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 3, San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 3, San Diego 1, Atlanta 1, 11 innings; Houston 2, Cincinnati 1.

American League Detroit 4, New York 1; Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1; Milwaukee 3, Toronto 2; St. Paul 3, Seattle 2; Chicago 4, Seattle 0; Texas 2, California 1, 9 innings; Oakland 5, Kansas City 1.

Scoreboard

ATHLETICS: Jorge Gonzalez of Puerto Rico won a challenge from Derick Hall of Ethiopia to win the Montreal International marathon in a time of two hours, 12 minutes and 38 seconds. Neddi, the pre-race favorite who had won the marathon at the Montreal Friendship Games, finished the 42 miles in 2:12:27 while Valery Tikhonov of the Soviet Union won third in 2:16:02.

FOOTBALL: The 19th-ranked Florida State Seminoles were determined to keep college football's national championship in the mid-state states. They defeated Kansas State, the defending champions 38-3, while Miami were seeing their hopes destroyed for a repeat of 1983's over-the-hill Hurricanes are 3-2 and no team has ever finished No. 1 in the poll with two losses.

Top-ranked Nebraska and No. 5 Ohio State led Florida State in the 19th-ranked Florida State Seminoles dropped an incredible 26-23 decision to No. 26 Georgia on Kevin Butler's 60-yard field goal with 11 seconds left to play.

Nebraska defeated No. 8 UCLA 63-14. Ohio State pounded No. 14 Iowa 48-26. Six-ranked Brigham Young shocked Hawaii 44-14. No. 7 Penn State beat William and Mary 34-14. Ninth-ranked Washington whipped Houston 35-0 and No. 10 Boston College buried Kent State 52-20.

SPORTS GUIDE:

Match	Time
Mac. FT v Mac. Yavne	1
Beersheva v Hahakha	1
Lod v Hapo. Haifa	2
Shimonai v Hapo. TA	2
Mac. TA v Bet. Jera	2
Mac. Hapo. v Mac. Netanya	2
Bet. TA v Mac. Jaffa	1
Kfar Saba v Hapo. FT	1
R. Ashdod v Hapo. Yehuda	1
Ashdod v Bet. Haifa	1
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Hapo. Yehuda	1
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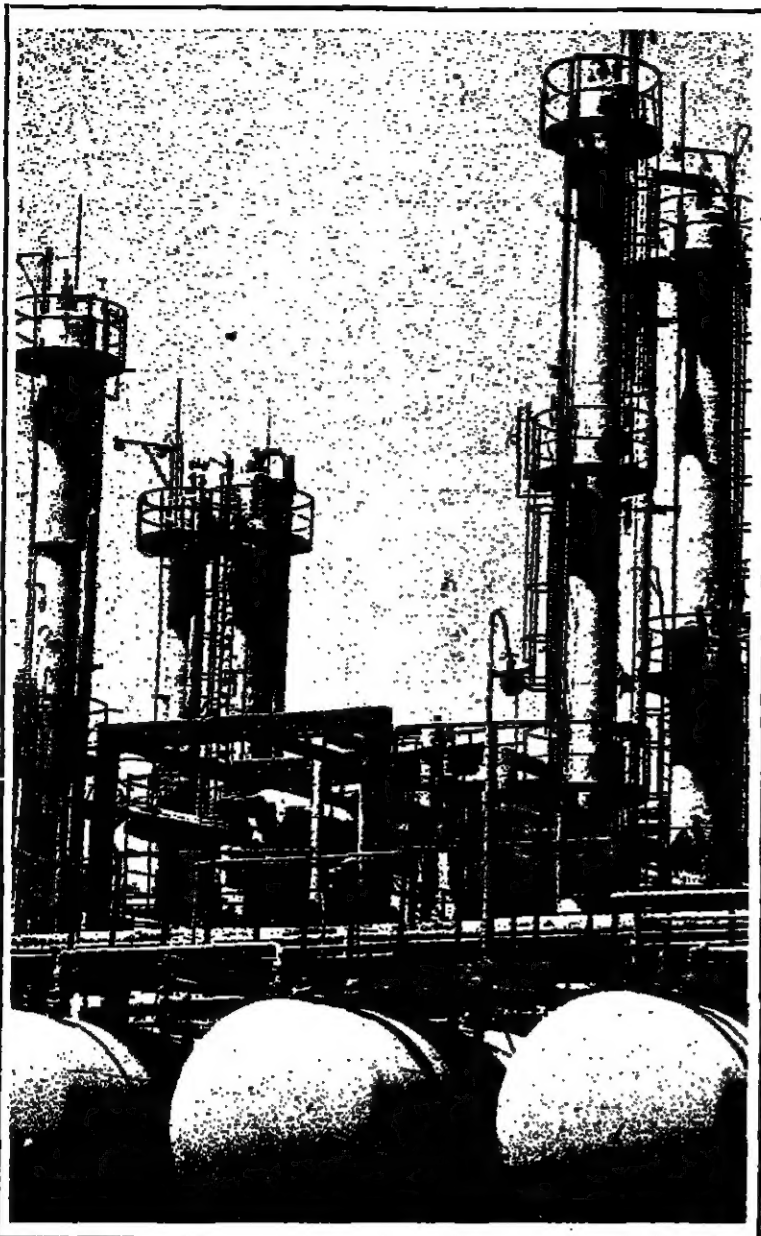
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A troubled future

By PINHAS LANDAU / Post Finance Reporter



PAUL POLLITZER is not one of the captains of industry in this country. He does not employ hundreds or thousands of people and his turnover is not in the tens of millions of dollars. That is why what he has to say about the problems facing manufacturers is so interesting and authentic.

Pollitzer is the managing director of Sharon Air Conditioning Industries, whose office and administration is in Ramat Gan, and whose factory is in the Gaillee development town of Carmiel. The factory once employed 40 people and the head office a few more staff for secretarial and book-keeping activities. Once, not any more.

Pollitzer can serve as the archetypal Israeli industrialist insofar as any one person can represent a very disparate group. He is typical because of the problems he faces. And by reducing the general problems to the level of a single concern, they become more readily understandable. Unfortunately, they do not become any easier to solve. The macro-problems can be reduced to the micro-level, but they remain just as potent.

There are two sets of problems, in fact. One is the difficulty involved in exporting — since this is hardly a matter of placing an ad in foreign papers and waiting for the orders to roll in. The other is the difficulty in producing for the home market, where life was easy enough before hyper-inflation and the torrents of cheap imports made things far more complicated.

BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, it may be pointed out that Paul Pollitzer is very representative of his peers in the following respects. He is an old-established manufacturer with his finger in a number of pies. He produces various sorts of items, although the main product he makes is wallfans for home and work use. He tried to export, with mixed results, and he also imports on an agency basis. He has seen good years and bad, like any other businessman, including being all but wiped out in the recession in the mid-Sixties.

He personally is probably well-protected against any of the horrors that are about to befall the economy, but he is nevertheless shocked and appalled by what he sees happening to his own firm and to the economy as a whole.

His entrepreneurial instinct, the desire to build things up, is mortally affronted at the wholesale destruction of previously solid firms, branches of business and entire sectors of the economy, by default rather than design. People like Pollitzer just can't understand how and why such things should be allowed to happen, with nothing serious being done to stop the rot.

TRouble BEGINS at home, so let us first look at what the problems are in producing a normal, straightforward item in an Israeli factory, with Israeli employees for Israeli customers.

"Before inflation took off (to the hundreds-of-per-cent level) it was possible to pass on the rise in costs to the wholesalers, retailers and on to the final consumer," says Pollitzer. "Since then — that is, over the last year — the situation has become disastrous."

Pollitzer's main customers are the big groups — Hamashbir Hamerczi and Herout, as well as the ministries of defence and housing, and local authorities who buy Sharon fans because of the company's expertise in the field of ventilation for public shelters, etc. In addition he sells to smaller shops and retail outlets.

His two basic problems are the inflation/cost of finance complex, and the competition from cheap imports. Inflation at current levels has made even the relatively near future uncertain, so that the value of money is a variable that has to be guessed at

even for very short periods of a few weeks.

In addition, there is the problem of the cost of finance. Interest rates in the economy for marginal money, or, put differently, the cost of money for immediate trading purposes, is in the order of 20 to 25 per cent monthly or 800 to 1350 per cent annually.

This is well above the present rate of inflation, and is not a level that can be passed on in costs to customers — at least, not customers like those mentioned who can themselves dictate terms to small suppliers like Pollitzer of Sharon.

Similarly, the "solution" of dollarization — of quoting and adjusting prices in dollars so that they are stable in dollar terms but keep up with what is happening in the economy — is not a feasible one in this case. One cannot quote dollar prices to the government and its ministries — at least, not yet.

Furthermore, a major non-government customer like Hamashbir Hamerczi, for instance, buys on the basis of payment after the current month plus 45 days. In practice, this means 60-75 days from delivery until payment, since Hamashbir simply doesn't buy after the 15th of the month.

This, in turn, means that the value of the money when it is received is 50 per cent below what it was when the goods were sold, because that is what it costs to finance, or "carry" that debt for the period it is outstanding.

At the extreme, this cost reaches

66 per cent for an order placed on the first of, say, August, which will be paid for in mid-October.

Thus, Hamashbir can well afford to give a reduction of 30 to 40 per cent from its list price for a buyer paying cash. Its loss on paper, between its buying and selling price, is more than made up for by its profits in financing its business. And that, in a nutshell, is how most Israeli business works — or, doesn't work — today.

THE RESULTS of this situation are not hard to discern. Sharon cannot make a profit when it is caught in this monetary trap. Production workers are being laid off, so that the Carmiel factory has reduced its workforce from 40 to 24, and then to 17 this month.

On the other hand, the office staff in Ramat Gan is being boosted to keep abreast of the paperwork and financial manipulations that determine whether the firm will live or die. Salesmen, whose job is supposedly to criss-cross the country getting new orders, are engaged in a far more meaningful and vital endeavour — collecting outstanding debts from customers as quickly as possible.

The finance manager at Sharon is now the key figure in the company — a pattern that has emerged throughout the manufacturing sector. The production, sales and other staff all move according to his dictates.

Pollitzer, an engineer by training,

finds this situation chafing, but there is nothing he can do about it. Even if he has a brilliant idea for a new product, his subordinate at finance can shoot it down in seconds by showing that it simply wouldn't be worthwhile to make, or that the company would never survive the financing costs to reach the production stage.

Pollitzer would be happy to invest more of his own money in an effort to remodel or redirect Sharon to other fields. But this, too, would not work, as Yisrael Weiner, the finance manager explains: "To re-organize a going concern takes a minimum amount of time, let's say six to ten weeks. Within that time the money has mostly evaporated, and you're back to square one."

WHAT ABOUT EXPORTS? Why not seek salvation overseas? Pollitzer pulls out a booklet full of brochures for his products in almost every European language, including Greek. For years he had been an exporter, and in the late Seventies, he achieved some significant successes in this field. His command of English, German and French stood him in good stead as he plugged the circuit of trade fairs across Europe — in Birmingham, Hanover, Frankfurt and Nicosia, as well as in Johannesburg, where he scored his biggest single success.

Much money and effort were invested in this drive and the results were more than reasonable for several years. (Pollitzer points out that the role played by the network of Israeli trade and economic representatives was invaluable in this respect.)

However, money and effort were no match for the dictates of the world currency markets, and when the dollar began to climb against the European currencies, his markets began to shrink. As the U.S. currency moved ever higher in the last year or two, the export market ceased to be a viable alternative at all, for his product has no real market in the U.S. itself.

Producing in a dollar-oriented economy, Sharon fans simply were priced right out of the European markets. Pollitzer's agents told him, "Your product is very good, quality-wise, and if it was cheaper it would sell very well, but not at the price you are asking."

In his determination to maintain a foothold abroad, he continued to make shipments until his finance manager told him that he was losing on every fan he sent and put a stop to the endeavour.

IN OTHER WORDS, having a first-class product, approved by all the relevant institutes in the major countries, is of no use if you can't sell at a competitive price.

Furthermore, a firm can't get compensation from the government for exchange-rate differentials, if it can't get orders in the first place.

One wonders how many hundreds of millions of dollars of potential exports are being lost because of this international problem, which is beyond the capability of any individual government, much less firm, to solve.

As his business shrinks around him, Paul Pollitzer seeks an alternative route to see him through this unprecedentedly difficult period. He hopes it will come through one of his sidelines, in the military equipment sphere.

If not, he will eventually be squeezed out of existence by forces which he cannot fight against, much less overcome. That small disaster would be a great tragedy for him and his workers, although only a small statistic in the national ledger.

But, because he is so representative of thousands of small manufacturers, when the same fate overtakes them all it will be a great tragedy for the whole country. But by then, of course, it will be far too late.

This is the second of two articles.

In the interests of the child

LAW REPORT / Asher Felix Landau

meeting with the child other than on the conditions of the original agreement would be injurious to her health.

She also complained of the fact that the judge had made his order without a report by a social worker and the opinions of a psychiatrist as to the father's mental state. The case related, Ben-Porat said, to a child of four whose parents were unmarried and whose father had at one stage denied paternity. The only evidence heard before the decision in question was that of the respondent's father

and brother-in-law. He himself had not yet testified and the judge had as yet been unable, therefore, to form an impression of his personality.

THE DISTRICT Court should not have departed from the original agreement between the parties before the facts had been fully examined, the deputy president continued, for in the case of a young child it was necessary to hear the opinion of experts. Even if the judge had been favourably impressed by the respondent's father and brother-

in-law, it was still unsafe to reach even temporary conclusions at variance with the original arrangement.

That arrangement was reached by agreement between the parents, and had been acted upon for two years. Justice Ben-Porat said she could understand the respondent's wish to bring the child closer to his family, and it was possible that this would later be shown to be desirable. It must first be determined, however, whether the new proposal would be in the child's best interests.

For the above reasons Justice Ben-Porat allowed the appeal, and directed that the respondent be permitted to visit the child according to the original arrangement. It was understood that the District Court could decide otherwise after hearing further evidence.

The applicant appeared in person and Advocate Shimon Tessler for the respondent. The judgment was given on August 14, 1984.

In the Supreme Court sitting as a court of civil appeals Before the deputy president Justice Miriam Ben-Porat In the matter between: A. Applicant and B. Respondent (Leave to appeal 376/84)

THE PARTIES, who were unmarried, were the parents of a girl of four. In August 1982 they had agreed that the father would be entitled to visit the child at her mother's home, and this arrangement persisted for some time. Thereafter the father applied to the District Court for leave to meet the child and take her to his father's home on certain conditions. Before the evidence was concluded the District Court made an interim order granting the father's request. The mother then applied to the Supreme Court for leave to appeal against this decision.

In giving judgment Justice Miriam Ben-Porat said that by agreement between the parties she would deal with the application as if it were the appeal itself. The mother had argued, she said, that the respondent was of unsound mind and that his

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Market takes a nose-dive

A loud raspberry. That was the reaction of the share market to the package of price hikes and tax increases announced last night. The entire market, "arrangement" and "free" shares alike moved into rapid reverse yesterday—a development that had been presaged by the weakness of the market on Sunday.

The fact that the bond market moved slightly ahead was no great grounds for joy for bond holders either. In view of the statistics that show that the monthly price index gain for the coming period will be in the order of 25-30 per cent (some say more), the quiescence of the bond market is ominous indeed. The current level of the bond index reflects the inflation rate as of the end of August—that is, the August average level, announced on September 15 and the estimate for the month-end level above the average.

Since then, however, there has been no end of price changes, and none of them have been in the downward direction. The bond index, which reflects the bond market, is therefore not functioning properly. It is the share market which is showing the more logical reaction to the prospect of quadruple-digit inflation. In the face of this latest eruption in the inflation rate, the share market has no option other than to go down. The recent rises, nominal though many of them have been, at least have produced the illusion of fat that can be trimmed.

The other factor behind this current fall is more psychological than economic. The market had clearly built on its hopes for a strong, clear-cut and well-defined economic prog-

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

ramme, hopefully including a price freeze of one sort or another. These hopes have now been dashed, and the market is having to face up to the possibility that even the unity government, like its narrow predecessors, may be incapable of doing the job. If this feeling spreads, there will almost certainly be much sharper falls to come, low though prices already are.

Yesterday's massive preponderance of falling issues, with very many slumping 5-10 per cent on the day, does not bode well for the final trading session of the Jewish calendar year of 5744, which will be held today. But then, it was that kind of year.

Announcements:
Ata, its subsidiary Teta, and Teta's subsidiary Alaska Sportlife, passed the following joint announcement to the exchange: In view of Ata's financial position, the company is having difficulty in meeting all of its current financial liabilities. Ata's financial situation is likely to have negative consequences for Teta, which is a guarantor for a large part of Ata's obligations. Similarly, a situation has arisen which may make it difficult for Teta to meet its obligations, and thus may affect Alaska's position as well.

Ata is conducting a series of meetings with government ministries, to obtain help in maintaining ongoing operations.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices
General Share Index 371.73 -3.11%
Non-bank Index 275.07 -3.66%
Bank Index 438.87 +2.82%
Industrial Index 312.26 +4.38%
Bond Index 319.34 +0.54%

Turnovers
Shares 152,776.8m.
Bonds 151,638.0m.
Totals 304,414.8m.
Advances 46
Declines 314
of which 5% + 173
of which 5% - 2
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Bond market trends
4% fully-linked: Stable/Rises to 3%
3% fully-linked: Unchanged
80% linked: Rises to 1-3%
Double-option: Mixed to 3%
Dollar-linked: Mixed to 3%

Most Active Shares
IDB 14280 15360.0m. -200
Hapoalim 9395 15273.1m. -460
Hapoalim 6015 15271.1m. -120

Sharpest Moves
Cydonia op. 8 -50 -86.2%
Hiron op. 44.5 -14.5 -24.6%
T.G.L. op. 25.3 -8 -23.9%

Teta is guarantor of Ata's debt to the Cotton Council of \$0.5 million which is overdue, and for other debts of Ata amounting to \$20m., having various payment dates.

In order to improve its position, Ata intends to realize all its inactive assets, which it estimates to be worth about \$10 million.

Ata holds 69 per cent of Teta's voting rights and 61 per cent of the equity in that company. Teta holds 51 per cent and 49 per cent in the voting and equity of Alaska.

Review of foreign currency markets

Dollar falls back after sharp gains

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

The dollar continued to fall in morning trading in London yesterday, reaching a low point of 2.97 Deutsche marks, before recovering somewhat as New York opened for trading.

This represented a continuation of the remarkable collapse suffered by the U.S. currency on Friday afternoon in New York, when the mark bounced back from a low point of 3.175 to the dollar, the lowest level in almost 12 years, to reach 3.04 by the close, powered by strong Bundesbank intervention.

This collapse was, in turn, a reaction to the strong and persistent gains shown by the dollar against all the other major currencies in the last few weeks, and particularly in the course of last week.

Whereas for several weeks during August and early September the dollar had been stable, at levels then thought to be very high (DM2.85-2.90, SF2.45-2.50, and £1.28-1.30), in the course of this month, it has advanced to previously unthinkable heights.

Thus, using the key \$/DM relationship, which is the most important indicator of the dollar's strength, one sees the dollar start September at 2.88 DM/\$, move through 2.90 on the 3rd of the month, and through the psychologically important DM3 level only one week later. By last Thursday, it had reached DM 3.08, moving ahead

almost every day to levels not seen since early 1973.

On Thursday morning in New York (mid-afternoon in Europe), the U.S. government announced its "flash" report on the growth of the American economy in the third, or current, quarter. This rise, at 3.6 per cent, was the best of all possible worlds for the bullish sentiment on the dollar, that has in any case dominated the currency market for months past.

The 3.6 per cent gain meant that the economy was still growing at a reasonable pace, but that pace was far slower than had been the case in the first half of this year. Thus, it would underpin the dollar, keep interest rates high and maintain the relative attraction of the American economy for foreign investors, without being so strong as to kindle fears of a resurgence of inflation.

The markets were not long in reacting to this news. Within minutes, the dollar climbed to 3.10, and by the close of trading it was in the 3.12-3.13 area. Friday morning trading saw the mad rush to buy the dollar continue, and the rate climbed as high as 3.175 at the peak.

As the focus of attention switched to New York and the European traders closed their books and went home for the weekend, a new player entered the fray. This was the West German central bank, the Bundesbank, which, with astute timing, picked the perfect opportunity to intervene in an attempt to break the

momentum of the dollar's apparently relentless upward climb.

It is estimated that the Bundesbank sold some \$500 million in the course of Friday's trading in New York, but in the thin weekend market conditions, this was enough to produce a dramatic turnaround. The dollar was pushed steadily lower, past 3.12, 3.08, and on to 3.04 by the close of trading in the U.S. Most traders were caught long and had to scramble to cover, adding to the selling pressure. Others, who snapped up supposed "bargains" at prices 2 or 3 per cent lower than those of two hours previously, quickly found they had made a mistake and were on the wrong side of the market.

The dollar-selling spilled over into European trading yesterday, and the DM recovered to about 2.97, before edging back up to an even 3.

The other currencies in the European Monetary System, such as the French franc, Dutch guilder, etc., moved in line with the Deutschmark, but the non-EMS currencies, such as the Swiss franc and British sterling neither fell as fast nor recovered as sharply as the German unit. Sterling, for instance, made a low of \$1.2075 last week, from the \$1.3 level at the end of August, before regaining \$1.25 yesterday.

Most analysts and traders regard the recent sharp moves as part of the ongoing upward move in the dollar.

"None of the fundamentals have changed," one analyst told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, "and there is no reason for the tide to turn." The next date to watch, according to the trading community, is the November 6 presidential elections, in which Reagan is expected to win comfortably. Beyond that, early 1985 is now the magic date from which, maybe, the long-awaited decline in the dollar will commence.

Leumi leaps ahead with leap-year scheme

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Bank Leumi yesterday announced a bonus of up to 4.06 per cent for depositors joining its new Koah Dollar Monthly Income saving scheme.

According to the terms of the regular scheme, depositors receive 0.8 per cent monthly interest on their investment, as a steady income stream over the 3-5 year life of the scheme.

Leumi is now offering a thirteenth month's interest, payable every year together with the twelfth, as a bonus for new depositors. The extra 0.8 per cent annual return compounds to 2.42 per cent after three years, and 4.06 per cent after five years. The bonus is available to all new depositors, with immediate effect and until further notice.

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About \$50 million for Dead Sea area oil exploration

Search for oil gets concerted push

By DAVID KRIVINE
A big oil-search project is being launched in the Dead Sea area by Sismica (1983) Ltd., at an investment of \$50 million. Outlays made so far total \$4m., and first drillings are due on the eastern flank of Har Sdom towards the end of the year.

The novelty of this venture, according to company general manager Yossi Langotsky, is that the concession covers a large area of about 1,600,000 dunam, permitting a concerted exploration programme. Hitherto the sector was divided between different licence-holders, each doing his own wildcat drilling, a system which failed to provide the necessary basic data on subsurface geology.

Reports by authoritative analysts — notably James E. Wilson (past

president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists) and J.K. Arbenz (formerly senior geological consultant in the Shell Oil Company) — confirm that there are likely to be sizeable deposits with, according to Wilson, a 30 per cent likelihood of discovery.

Sismica has formed, in partnership with the Paz group, a company called the Har Sdom Oil Company. Each side is investing \$5m., and the Israel National Oil Company is putting up another \$10m. Add \$5m. from a company in Dallas, Texas, and the total so far comes to \$25m.

Advanced negotiations with the Dead Sea Works and its mother company, Israel Chemicals, may yield a further \$5m. Moreover the financial company Oppenheimer

Inc. is organizing, it is understood, a syndicate in the U.S. to mobilize \$30m.

On offer are limited partnerships with units as small as \$100,000 or \$200,000. The Israel government is ready to supply matching funds for 40 per cent of whatever sums are raised on the American market.

The Dead Sea Rift Valley has not been given close attention so far because the discovery of oil in Heletz 30 years ago concentrated initial efforts on the coastal plain. After the Six Day War, Sinai was given first priority.

Langotsky, himself a geologist, believes that there are several hundred million barrels of reserves in the licensing area, a resource that Israel as an oil-importing economy badly needs.

Banks follow Leumi's lead in raising interest rates

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — As expected, the other large banks quickly followed the lead of Bank Leumi in raising their interest rates by 2.5 per cent for regular borrowers with authorized credit facilities, and 1 per cent for penalty rates on unauthorized overdrafts.

The comparative rates are as follows:

Hapoalim: prime rate up 2.5 per cent, to 21. Authorized borrowers, 21-23.5 per cent. Unauthorized, 5 per cent above the regular rate. For salary earners, Hapoalim remains the cheapest bank, charging 20 per cent for the first \$250,000 overdraft, and 25 per cent thereafter.

Discount: increases of 2.5 per cent, rates as in Hapoalim and Leumi. No special rates for salary earners.

Mizrahi: again, an increase of 2.5 per cent, but the rates at Mizrahi are

higher. The prime will now be 22 per cent, and the range of rates to borrowers will be from 22 to 27 per cent. Salary earners will pay 21 per cent for the first \$15,000 they overdraw at Mizrahi, less than other borrowers in that bank, but the same as they would pay at Leumi and Discount.

Unlike the Big Three, Mizrahi is keeping the penalty rate for unauthorized overdrafts at the old rate of 6.5 per cent above the equivalent authorized rates. As noted, the others have now fixed this at 5 per cent, 1.5 per cent less than hitherto.

Mizrahi also announced that it is raising the rate of interest it pays to depositors who hold money on current account to 11 per cent.

It should be noted that all these figures are monthly. The effective annual equivalents of 20-25 per cent monthly interest is 900-1,650 per cent. By way of comparison, a major U.S. bank lowered its prime rate by 1/4 per cent last week, to 12 3/4 per cent — a year.

Your money & your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
QUESTION: In one of your recent columns you were not clear regarding the income tax liability of a new immigrant's account after the initial ten-year period has passed. Could you please clarify?

ANSWER: An immigrant's free foreign currency account after the initial ten years gets the same tax treatment as a resident's *patum* account. In both cases interest on deposits held for less than a year are liable to a 45 per cent tax deducted at source. In either case, if the deposit is maintained for a year, the tax deduction is 25 per cent. It should be noted that the depositor is liable for any further tax on the interest earned, in keeping with his regular tax liabilities.

QUESTION: I was thinking of investing in the new dollar-linked savings scheme with its liberal linkage based on the dollar — before the recent 9 per cent devaluation. What do you think of this scheme now?

ANSWER: First of all, let me make it clear that I am very much in favour of saving. In the case of this very special scheme, there was an immediate gain of 10 per cent, which of course makes it very attractive. As much as I favour a scheme which gives such a liberal bonus, one must view committing funds to it as part of an overall plan for one's funds. A major consideration here is one's willingness to have funds frozen for a stipulated time. Savings decisions should never be made hastily and always done within the context of one's overall financial position and needs.

QUESTION: Are Israeli banks competitive on free foreign currency deposits when compared to European banks?

ANSWER: Eurodollar interest rates are quoted regularly by local banks and in the financial press. The latter financial news service supplies these rates at the touch of a button. Thus one can weigh official quotations against the offer being made by a specific bank. My experience is that Israeli banks are highly competitive on interest rates. The service charges in maintaining accounts for their customers are less than those charged by European banks, especially those in Switzerland.

QUESTION: The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange has had a very sharp run-up this month. In the U.S. the behaviour of stock markets is considered a barometer of future economic activity. Do you feel that the local exchange is trying to tell us anything?

ANSWER: It would be erroneous to apply the American experience and resultant conclusions to the TASE. I do not believe that the current local rally presages the beginning of an economic upturn some time in March of 1985. We will be lucky if such a recovery will be accomplished two years hence. The stock exchange is simply reacting positively to the clearing up of some of the recent uncertainties due to the formation of a new government. I do not see shares on the TASE showing a real gain in the year ahead.

Honda has best kilometrage

WASHINGTON (AP). — For the second year in a row a Honda car was ranked best in petrol consumption among cars sold in the United States, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Foreign-made engines, six of them diesel, powered all the top ten cars among 1985 models to go on sale this autumn.

The two-seater Honda Civic Coupe HF recorded 79km. per gallon (3.8 litres) in EPA's city driving test and 87km. per gallon in the agency's highway test released this week.

Last year, another Honda, the Civic CR-X, ranked first with 82km. per gallon. But that figure cannot be compared with this year's city rating because EPA is, for the first time, deflating the figures from its tests to reflect more closely what cars yield in real-world driving.

The kilometrage figure recorded in the city test is reduced by 10 per cent for 1985 models and the kilometrage on the highway test is reduced by 22 per cent.

This year, EPA is resuming publication of highway kilometrage after

discontinuing it as unrealistic for several years.

The best kilometrage car sold under an American nameplate is the new Chevrolet Sprint, giving 75km. per gallon in the city and 85km. per gallon on the highway and ranked second.

This car, also sold as the Pontiac Firefly, actually is the Japanese-made Suzuki SA810 and has the only three-cylinder engine offered in the United States.

The fourth-ranked Ford Escort diesel was the best American-built car, giving 69km. per gallon in the city and 83km. per gallon on the highway. This Escort, also sold as the Mercury Lynx, is powered by an engine built in Japan by Mazda Motors Corp.

Nissan's Sentra diesel ranked third.

Some people don't seem to care about low kilometrage — such as people who can afford Rolls-Royces.

The Rolls-Royce Corniche, Camague and Continental showed the worst kilometrage of any car tested — 13km. per gallon in the city and 18km. on the highway.

Peres makes hi-tech appeal to U.S. Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Shimon Peres urged American Jews to invest in Israel by setting up high-technology industry here. Peres conveyed the message in a 45-minute meeting with Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on Sunday night.

Bialkin, who is also president of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, promised that the president's conference will at its next meeting in Washington propose concrete measures for helping Israel through its economic crisis.

Peres said that he would be the address for all foreign investors and would refer them to the relevant ministries.

McDonald's to open here

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
McDonald's is coming and McDonald's is ready for them.

News of the arrival of the U.S.-based international hamburger chain on the local scene was hinted at in a recent announcement by the Tourism Ministry which said the ministry would "assist this important project." According to the announcement, some 15 McDonald's are to be opened starting next summer, in the major cities and at tourist sites.

MacDavid's, a local hamburger chain, is readying for the competition.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION
EDUCATIONAL:
8:15 School Broadcasts 15:00 Everyman's University: Imaginary and Real: Introduction to Life Sciences 16:00 Rainbow — the Show 16:25 No Secrets 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17:30 3, 4, 5 — Rosh Hashana programme
17:50 Faster, Higher, Stronger — sports
ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18:30 News roundup
18:32 Cartoons
18:45 What's the Answer?
19:00 The Bible Zoo
19:30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:00 with a new roundup
20:02 Love, Sidney — American series starring Tony Randall, Soledad Kuz and Kalama Kiki. Part 7: Fiddler Under the Roof
20:30 Kolbot — consumer magazine
21:00 Mabat Newsweek
21:30 The Jerusalem New Year Message
21:35 Second Look — news commentary and background
22:15 Return to Eden. Part 5 of a 6-part drama starring Rebecca Gilling, James Ryan and Wendy Hughes
22:30 Music — Beatles: Piano Sonata Op. 2, No. 3 (Claude Arrieu)
23:30 The Chief Rabbi's New Year Message
23:35 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17:30 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 18:30 (JTV) Science Film 19:00 News in French 19:30 News in Hebrew 19:45 Magazine Zero One 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 Have I got you... Where You Want Me 21:10 Widened Woman 22:00 News in English 22:15 Wages
MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):
13:00 Westbank Hospital 13:30 Another Life 14:00 700 Club 14:30 Shape-up 15:00 Afternoon Movie 16:30 Sportsman 17:00 Popeye 17:30 Fyvie House 18:00 Laramie 19:00 Bonanza 20:00 Another Life 20:30 World News Tonight 21:00 Entertainment Special WERE Cincinnati 21:30 White Shadow 22:30 1 Spy 23:00 700 Club 23:30 News Update

6:00 Youth Programme
16:30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Paul Nader conducting, with Benjamin Shalit, violin; Miriam Harnam, viola; Sh. Petruski, 3 Movements for Orchestra; Mozart: Sinfonia Concertata for Violin and Viola; Weber: Der Freischütz, overture
19:05 Butterworth: The Banks of Green Willow; Stravinsky: 3 Movements for Percussion; Rostropovich: Concerto for Piano (Alfred Morosini); Mendel: Symphony No. 40, K. 550
20:30 The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Zubin Mehta conducting, with Pina Salama; Theodor Bikel — Verdi: La forza del destino, overture; Mark Leifer: Piano Concerto, Op. 201; Song by Yehudit Gur, Zvi Mager, Dori Setzer, "Soldier on the Roof", Hadjidakis and others; The Israel Piano Quartet (Salama, Miriam, Borstein, Bregman) — P. Beethoven: Trio Variations on a Folk Song; Dvorak: Piano Quartet, Op. 47
23:00 Connections (no details available)

First Programme
6:03 Programme for Olim
7:30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)
9:30 Encounter — live family magazine
10:30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11:10 School Broadcasts
11:30 Education for all
12:05 Sephardi songs
13:00 News in English
13:30 News in French
14:05 Children's programmes
15:23 Education for all
15:55 Notes on a New Book
16:05 A Political Book — news and music
16:06 Afternoon Classics
16:47 Bible Reading
19:05 Talmud Lesson
19:30 Programme for Olim
22:05 Two by Two

Second Programme
7:00 This Morning — news magazine
8:05 Safe Journey
9:05 House Call — with Rivka Michael
10:10 On the Line of the Network
12:05 Open Line — news and music
13:00 Middy — news commentary, music
14:06 A Taste of Honey — with Dan Kaur
16:10 Safe Journey
17:10 Economic Magazine
18:06 Health and Medicine Magazine
18:45 Update in Sport
19:05 Today — radio newscast
19:30 New World — environmental magazine
21:05 Open Line — requests
22:05 Folk songs
23:05 Station

Army
7:07 "707" — with Alon Asari
8:05 Morning News
9:05 Right Now — with Rafi Rashed
11:05 Israeli Summer — with Elia Yussel
12:05 From the front and from soldiers serving in Lebanon
13:00 Two Hours
15:05 What's Wrong? — with Erez Tal
16:05 Four in the Afternoon
17:05 Evening News — news and music
18:05 Mile Stone — nature magazine
19:05 Music Today — music magazine
21:00 Mabat — TV newscast
22:05 Popular songs
23:05 Classical Favorites
00:05 Night Birds — songs, choir

Turkish textile workers get 115% pay boost

ISTANBUL (Reuters). — Turkey's first major labour contract in four years, between the country's largest textile union (Teksit) representing 80,000 workers and the Union of Textile Industrialists, has been agreed, both parties confirmed yesterday.

The contract, which is expected to be signed in the next few days, will give workers a wage boost totalling 115 per cent over the next two years, said a spokesman for the employers.

The average monthly wage of a worker before the new contract was 34,000 lira (\$83), excluding fringe benefits. Inflation in Turkey is running at around 50 per cent a year. Between 1980 and 1983 the labour unions were barred from collective bargaining under military rule and wages were set by an arbitration board.

Swiss reject proposal to ban nuclear power

ZURICH (Reuters). — Swiss voters Sunday rejected a proposed ban on new nuclear power plants in a public referendum.

They also turned down an energy-saving programme which would have been financed by a new tax on users of energy.

The two proposals were put forward by environmental and left-wing groups and opposed by the government, industry and the conservative parties that dominate parliament.

After a 40 per cent turnout, final results showed both were rejected by a margin of about 55 to 45 per cent. They won a majority in only seven of Switzerland's 26 cantons.

Gur to druggists: No rise in drug prices yet

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Health Minister Mordechai Gur on Sunday pledged to a delegation of the Pharmacists' Association that there would be no rise in the price of drugs before Rosh Hashana.

Gur said that after checking into the price structure of locally manufactured and imported drugs, he had decided to keep prices stable until October 1.

However, because prices must go up in a period of inflation, Gur has summoned an urgent meeting of key representatives of drug manufacturers and importers to examine the whole problem of drug marketing in Israel, and to determine to what extent prices can be raised. The meeting will be held on Wednesday.

ZIMBABWE — India and Zimbabwe began high-level talks in Harare yesterday aimed at boosting trade between the two countries. Little trade has flowed between the two countries since they signed a trade agreement in 1981.

WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem
MUSEUMS
Israel Museum Exhibitions: David Tarrakover, Products of Israel, The Armand Hammer Collection, 19th-20th cent. masterpieces, paintings and drawings by Rembrandt, Rubens, Titian, Michelangelo, Raphael, Caravaggio, Cézanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Picasso, etc. Plaster casts, children's works and activity corner. Scenic — creating home theatre sets and greetings cards. 12 pages from the Cairo Geniza. Permanent collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology. Rockefeller Museum: Egypt, the other side of the River — Egyptian objects. Thea Benveniste, works by Anna Ticho, Hana Kuzma, library and garden cafe.
Visiting Hours: Main Museum 4-10, At 3: Special guided tour of Shrine of the Book. 4-5: 2000 Years of Jewish Art and Archaeology. 4-5: Guided tour in English. 6 and 8:30: Film, "La Notte di San Lorenzo". 7:15: Gallery Talk, "The Armand Hammer Collection." by Amalia Zilber.

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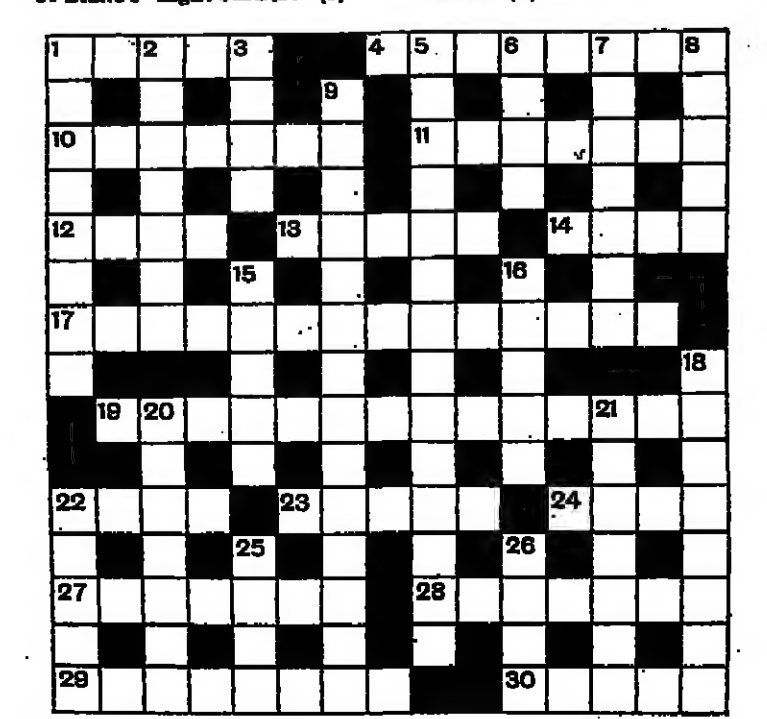
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ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 One in conspiracy to control ship (5)
4 Fare from France, dead-slow? (8)
10 Light rubber producing a powerful spirit (7)
12 Copper in case, perhaps, deserted the one charged (7)
13 New wine upsets tums (4)
15 Nobody's child? What a bloomer! (5)
16 Reasonable trade-show (4)
17 Doctor not there? — So ring locum, not get excited (10-4)
19 Keyboard instrument is at Hebridean island, left behind. What sort of ability is needed to get it? (14)
22 Old Spanish wine some guys keep down (4)
23 Blind open-water coming in — novel kind of house! (5)
24 Bangor-Carnarvon part of Wales, we hear (4)
27 Flute fixed them, the loud roars (7)
28 Fit seem to be prepared for dead men? (7)
29 Girl belittled is without mercy (8)
30 Blake's night-burner? (5)

DOWN
1 Dispensary is pretty lively taking in injury (8)
2 Sonia and I after fifty, involved in affair (7)
3 Time to have DIY repair made neat (4)
5 Trackdown boss who welcomes stoppages at work? (7-7)
6 Chief feature of perpendicular church? (4)
7 Postage changes for policemen feared (7)
8 House-doctor out, perhaps (5)
9 River Test is extremely tedious for shipbuilders and the like (14)
15 Sort of being kind? (5)
16 Mind the bad weather at Beachy Head (5)
18 Wiper of L-car seen to be loose (8)
20 Spring-lock? (7)
21 Working at it, there is generally room for improvement (7)
22 Wild brute of the underground system (5)
25 See the gathering! (4)
26 Detect Green's position at table? (4)



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New chance for police

THE KNESSET yesterday reconstituted a separate ministry of police from the department which for the past seven years was included in Dr. Yosef Burg's Interior Ministry fiefdom.

Incoming Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev has been actively studying his new area of responsibility since the installation of the new government 11 days ago. He has much to learn, for the police force has clearly been on the decline, both in morale and effectiveness, ever since Inspector General Herzl Shafir was unceremoniously sacked by Dr. Burg nearly five years ago. His main crime was that he got uncomfortably close to investigating some suspicious and allegations pertaining to areas within the sphere of Dr. Burg's interests and those of his party, the NRP.

The police have always had an unenviably delicate, and often thankless, job to perform in a pressure-ridden society such as Israel's. Its greatest successes have been in the area of internal security, combating terrorist acts, an area where there has been broad public consensus supporting the police.

Their greatest failures have been in those areas where they have been required to impose the rule of law and order, unacceptable to politically influential sectors, whether economic, religious or political.

Viewed from a long-term perspective, the major problem of the force has been its inability to attract and retain officers and men of a high calibre. There was a ray of hope in this regard with the appointment of former army general Herzl Shafir to be Inspector-General. But this hope was to be dashed with his dismissal.

The person of Shafir is the embodiment of two great national disappointments. With the benefit of hindsight one can definitely state today that it was the nation's loss when former defence minister Ezer Weizman accepted former premier Begin's choice and preferred Rafael Eitan over Shafir to be Chief of the General Staff; and it was an equal loss when it was decided that Shafir would have to quit as head of the police force, rather than removing the force from Dr. Burg's control.

The report this week that hundreds of police officers were being investigated for possible criminal acts is one indicator of the depths to which the demoralization of the force has reached. The infuriating regularity with which a significant degree of truth is found to charges of police brutality against innocent civilians is another blemish.

In his studies of the ministry and of the force which he heads, Mr. Bar-Lev will find it very difficult to escape the conclusion that the rot starts at the top. A force that has become so riddled with internal jealousies and bickering cannot be turned around without effecting a thorough shake-up in its command, starting from the top. And such a shake-up is more urgent than ever as the difficult months ahead can be expected to confront the police with ever greater challenges in maintaining public order.

In the Knesset yesterday, Mr. Bar-Lev provided first proof of his new and independent approach to police matters. His unequivocal rejection of appeals to release the Jewish terrorist suspects for the High Holydays was a clear indication of his insistence that the rules of law and order must be the same for all citizens. Mr. Bar-Lev's appointment could indeed usher in a new era for the country's police.

Non-political criteria

INCOMING Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Moshe Katzav has notified the Director-General of the National Insurance Institute Danny Azriel that he is to be replaced. Mr. Azriel, a total newcomer to the Institute through which Israel's welfare state functions are administered when he was appointed two-and-a-half years ago, performed surprisingly well as its head.

That, although his appointment constituted the most blatant example of the politicization of what should have been the preserve of a neutral, professional civil servant. He was appointed because he was a leading activist in the then new North African ethnic party, Tami. His predecessor, Rafi Rotter, was fired, despite his high degree of non-political professionalism, only in order to make place for a Tami functionary.

There is hardly a more apposite description of this state of affairs than the quotation attributed to Hillel the Elder in Pirke Avot, the Second Temple period "Ethics of the Fathers." Seeing a skull floating on the water, Hillel said: "You were drowned because you drowned others; and the fate of those who drowned you is to be drowned in turn."

One would hope that this practice will not be perpetuated. The National Insurance Institute should be safeguarded from the encroachment of party politics and favoritism. This is all the more important in a difficult period, such as the present, in which ministers and party politicians will be sorely tempted to tamper with the basic premises of the National Insurance Institute law as a way of getting around some of the painful aspects of a deflationary policy.

It should not be too much to ask new Labour Minister Moshe Katzav to begin his tenure at the ministry by restoring an apolitical regard for high professional competence as the only criterion for the appointment of a new NII head.

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not last long. "It has been detected from the talks with Mr. Murphy that he was bringing the good tidings of an early breakthrough," he said in a published statement.

In Jerusalem, Peres told the Knesset yesterday that his government was "working forcefully" for a withdrawal from Lebanon.

The possibility of a breakthrough in Lebanon following UN Undersecretary-General Brian Urquhart's swing through the Middle East last week - first reported by The Jerusalem Post last Friday - has been echoed in the U.S., with Secretary of State George Shultz strongly hinting in New York on Sunday that a new U.S. initiative is in the offing.

Shultz noted that although the administration has left Lebanon alone since the collapse of the U.S.-

brokered 1983 Israel-Lebanese accord, the time might be right for another try.

"We always want to be helpful," Shultz was quoted as saying, noting that "you can be helpful if all the parties want it to be."

Shultz appeared to be alluding to the new receptiveness to a U.S.-brokered initiative not only in Damascus, but also in Jerusalem, with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir saying for the first time this week that Israel no longer links its own withdrawal from South Lebanon to a parallel Syrian withdrawal from eastern Lebanon.

But Shultz hinted that in addition to direct talks with Syria, the U.S. might also make an approach through the Soviet Union, which has close ties with Syria.

Shultz said the U.S. would welcome "a constructive role by the Soviet Union."

AT A conference earlier this year on Islam and political violence, the Princeton historian Bernard Lewis reminded us that, for Islam, "God is the sole source of authority," that everything is seen theoretically, in terms of "God's state. God's army. God's treasury and fearfully. God's enemy." Consequently, another conference participant added, there could be "no compromise between the true faith and its opponents," and "intimidation through thuggery," including especially terrorist acts, was divinely sanctioned. Considering the events in Israel this past summer - the disclosures emerging from the arrest of the alleged 25 Jewish terrorists, the antics of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the renewed efforts to advance rapidly towards a Tora state, and the stream of references to apocalyptic messianism - those descriptions could as easily have applied to Judaism (at least to one of its contemporary currents) as to Islam.

Accused of maiming and killing individuals, and of preparing to murder busloads of innocent people, where does Jewish terrorism allegedly carried out by a *kipot* underground, differ from Shi'ite? And, since at least some of the accused terrorists, and many of their defenders (it is frightening to guess how many), justify the crimes in the name of a "higher law," as necessary "redemptive" steps towards a purified, theocratic, even messianic Tora state, where does this terrorism differ from Khmeimism? Israel, too, now seems to have its *Hezbollah*, its Party of God.

NATIONALISM can be a fine thing when it nurtures pride and delight in one's own people and civilization without at the same time denigrating the achievements of others. On the contrary, it should acknowledge the contributions of all societies to a constantly enriched universal cultural mosaic. But it quickly becomes monstrous when it claims superiority, and with it a right, even a duty, to dominate. Religion, too, is fine, when it enriches and ennobles personal and communal life, and promotes kindness and harmony. But how often and how swiftly it can become demonic, and incite hatred, fear, and oppression.

Far worse, however, than either

WHATEVER ELSE we do, Israeli and Diaspora Jews together, to defend ourselves and our religion against this Jewish fanaticism, this "evil genie," as Yehuda Ben-Meir recently called it, we should first recognize it for what it is. It represents another outburst of apocalyptic frenzy of the sort that has periodically exploded with devastatingly self-destructive consequences for Jewry. From the rise of Christianity, the initial expression of Judaic apocalyptic fanaticism, through the immensely costly millennial wars of

THE RECENT elections here and their fateful bearing on the welfare of the nation and its citizens ought to be the occasion for deep soul-searching by the leaders and functionaries who are moulding our political life and formulating our educational policy, as well as by the educators who are responsible for its practical implementation on the campus.

Our statesmen and political leaders have to face up to, and answer, the pointed question, whether during the years preceding the elections, and in the situation created by them, their political platforms and actions accorded with the basic principles of democracy and specifically with the rule that the "cause" takes precedence over the personal interest, of those who serve it. It is unfortunate that in certain situations, and particularly at the present time, many politicians and functionaries have transgressed against this fundamental rule.

As for those who formulate educational policy and their colleagues at work in the field, it is incumbent on them to make a meticulous investigation into the nature and efficacy of our school's educational programmes in democracy. Such an investigation will reveal that many of the evils with which current politics and society are afflicted derive from a misconception of the nature of democracy in the minds of most of the public including graduates and students of our educational institutions.

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Apocalypse, no!

By ARTHUR P. MENDEL

Bar Kochba (Bar Koziba, the Deceiver), to the turmoil and humiliation of the Shabbetai Zevi disaster - these have been the tragic stages of messianic Judaism. Is it any wonder that the Talmud and the subsequent two thousand years of tradition have been so suspicious of millennial zealots?

"He who announces the messianic time based on calculation forfeits his own share in the future... Blasted be the bones of those who calculate the End... Whoever gives his mind to four things, it is better for him if he had not come into the world - what is above, what is beneath, what has before him, and what will be hereafter... If you are planting a tree and someone comes and says, 'The Messiah is coming,' go on planting... Grass will grow in your cheeks and the son of David will still not have come... All the predestined dates have passed and the manner depends only on repentance and good deeds...."

The new zealots do not represent essential Judaic traditions as they claim. Rather, they represent another resurgence of a basically Christian insistence on pressing the end. Their roots and model are neither Biblical (with the exception of the Book of Daniel, the only one of many Hellenistic apocalyptic texts incorporated in the canon), nor Talmudic. They recall an era of Judaism in a state of turmoil and despair after the disillusionment following the Maccabee triumph. The despair intensified in the Hasmonean period, and reached its climax with the destruction of the temple, Par Kochba, and the final dispersion.

It is this period of Jewish apocrypha and pseudopigrapha (including their most famous offspring: the Gospels) that we should have in mind as we observe and respond to the present extremism, and unconstrained millennial fantasy. These

"ultra's" don't deserve praise and honour for their "purity" and "rigor": they should be vehemently rejected as representatives of the latest assault on traditional Biblical and Talmudic Judaism.

A NUMBER of studies have appeared recently concerning the close ties between Christian Fundamentalists in the U.S. and their Jewish counterparts here in Israel. Contacts between the two are constant, enthusiastic, and widely publicized. Speakers come and go bringing their respective messages of encouragement to one another. Gala banquets and soulful prayer breakfasts are held honouring their common purpose. A steady flow of radio and T.V. broadcasts over the many fundamentalist stations increasingly inundate the U.S. media, sing the praises of Israel, and win an affectionate gratitude in return, such as Menachem Begin's conferring of the Jabotinsky medal on Jerry Falwell.

The alliance is entirely natural, since both parties to it share the same messianic expectation. Their main divergence is whether this will be the Messiah's first or second trip to earth. Bluntly put, Christian and Jewish fundamentalists are so close because Jewish fundamentalists have succumbed (once again) to Christian apocalyptic impatience. Rabbis Kahane, Levinger, Waldman, and Druckman, the 25 accused *kipot* terrorists, and the Gush Emunim people and others who share their fantasies, embody an essentially Christian movement in Israel.

To call the extremist rabbis and their followers Orthodox Jews is to insult traditional Judaism, and to wrench the meaning of Orthodoxy, much as Bolsheviks do when they refer to Leninism as "orthodox" Marxism. One can, of course, find Biblical justification for annihilating enemies (Amalekites, Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites,

and for sanctifying the kind of "blood for blood" declarations that Rabbis Levinger and Kahane enjoy making. But there is nothing particularly Jewish about a God who promises victory, sanctifies territorial conquest, or justifies hatred of the enemy. All gods do that. What is uniquely Jewish, and therefore, Orthodox is the God who is disturbed by Jonah's wish to destroy Nineveh: "You pity the plant for which you did not labour, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night. Should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons...?" Here is the God who is angry at the Angels when they wanted to sing for joy at the destruction of the Egyptians in the Red Sea: "My creatures are perishing, and you are ready to sing!" And: "Blessed be Egypt, my people, and Assyria, the work of my hands, and Israel my heritage."

THE ORTHODOX Jewish God is not the war God of Tehiya, but the God who "makes wars cease to the end of the earth... breaks the bow, and shatters the spear... burns the chariots with fire," the God who gave the world that thrilling vision of a time when "they shall beat their swords to plowshares, and their spears to pruning hooks," when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." This is the Jewish God that the zealots have not just forgotten but have cruelly betrayed.

A Tanna taught in the name R. Meir: Why was the Tora given to Israel? Because they are fierce... (Rashi: therefore, the Tora was given to them so that by occupying themselves with it their fierceness would be lessened and their hearts softened.)

As Moses and Aaron discovered early, the closer one is to *kedusha* the greater the danger of "the disciples who follow you" introducing "strange fire... that the Lord had not commanded." (Leviticus 10:1)

It is said that when God destroyed the world, he did so because of *sinu hinam*, too much hatred.

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Education for democracy

By ITZHAK SHAPIRA

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ized society which our democratic ideals demand. This can be achieved mainly by granting a certain amount of personal initiative and home rule to class committees and student bodies.

It is also of paramount importance that every educational institution should work with its scholars on the establishment of a number of projects for the purpose of strengthening and intensifying education for democracy.

Experience at these schools has already proved that student cooperation both in the planning and implementation of such projects is an important factor of the success of education for democracy amongst youth.

Let us sincerely hope that the alarm sounded by the elections will achieve its purpose by bringing about a rejuvenation and intensification of the democratic system in Israel, and its establishment on moral and political values which are the heart and essence of true democracy.

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READERS' LETTERS

TRIP TO FAR EAST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Mark Segal ("Public faces," September 14) unfairly accuses WZO Information Department Head, Uzi Narkis, of spending public funds to investigate "non-existent Zionist movements in Hongkong and Japan."

As a matter of fact, Mr. Narkis did not set foot in Hongkong. Rather, on his way to Australia as guest of the local Zionist federations, he changed flights in Japan, due to the great distance and resulting security measures.

While waiting for a connecting flight, Mr. Narkis took the opportunity, during a 48-hour stopover in Japan, to meet with the leaders of the Makuya, whom Mark Segal may not consider to be full-fledged Zionists, but who represent 70,000 friends of Israel.

ZVIEYAL, Spokesman and Director of Public Relations and Press, World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency for Israel Jerusalem.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The Simon Wiesenthal Center is seeking to identify individuals who were personally victimized by Dr. Josef Mengele in Auschwitz, including twins.

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BANK CHARGES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The statement of your correspondent Pinhas Landau in his article of August 29 that Bank Leumi exempts pensioners from the payment of transaction charges is not entirely correct.

Apparently this concession is only available to ex-employees whose employers pay the pension into their past employee's bank account. A self-employed person, who receives only the National Insurance pension, is not entitled to this benefit, although the bank has probably profited from such a person's account to a greater extent than from that of an employee.

Perhaps the bank will reconsider this matter and end this unfair discrimination.

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Bank Leumi told The Jerusalem Post that the present arrangement gives a full exemption from transaction charges to persons meeting the

following criteria: men over the age of 65 or women over 60, who receive a pension from their ex-employer as a "renta," or a National Insurance pension, and which is paid directly and regularly into their bank account. However, the spokesman warned that this exemption is liable to be changed (for the worse, i.e. cut back, not expanded), possibly in the near future.

Ed. J.P.

MEMORIAL TO YONI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I refer to the letter of August 31 querying the origin of the monument in memory of Jonathan Netanyahu (Yoni) in Majorca, Spain.

The memorial was set up by Mr. Antonio Bonet Gelabert, a local Spanish businessman (non-Jewish). Mr. Gelabert was deeply inspired by the heroism of Yoni Netanyahu and

the rescue he led to Entebbe. He put up the monument anonymously at his own expense at the entrance to the park of Palma Nova.

A detailed story about this memorial and how the identity of its founder was discovered was published in the Manchester Jewish Telegraph of December 9, 1983.

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